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WHICH TURNING WILL HE TAKE?

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

Though Parliament reassembled on Tuesday last, the serious business of the session does not begin until Monday next, when the King's Speech will be read. We are not, therefore, yet enlightened as to the policy which the Government intend to pursue. The exchange of portfolios rendered necessary by the appointment of Mr. Gladstone to be Governor-General of South Africa has been carried out so as to avoid the necessity for a by-election, though a seat will of course have to be found for Mr. Pease, who suffered defeat at Saffron Walden. The cessation of militant tactics will spare Mr. Churchill from considering at present his policy as the new Home Secretary with regard to Suffragette prisoners. But if militant tactics again become necessary owing to the refusal of the Government to listen to reason, he will then have

to come to a decision. He has given no indication of the line he will take, but it is difficult to imagine that he can deal with the question in a worse fashion than his predecessor.

Mr. Gladstone and Lady Constance Lytton.

One of the last acts of Mr. Gladstone before vacating his office was to cause a statement to be published denying that the apparent difference in rank of Lady Constance Lytton and Miss Jane Warton had anything to do with their different treatment in prison and alleging (incorrectly) that Jane Warton refused to have her heart examined. Mr. Gladstone has at the same time, we understand, refused a public investigation into the matter. Comment is surely needless.

Adult Suffrage.

How essential it is that the advocates of Woman Suffrage shall insist upon a sex disability removal Bill taking precedence of all other measures of electoral reform is shown by the discussion which took place at the Labour Conference at Newport. Miss Margaret Bondfield proposed the following motion:—

"Believing that the active participation of women in the work of government is in the best interests of the nation, and in view of the Reform Bill promised by the Government, this Conference demands that the inclusion of women shall not be left to the chances of an amendment, but that it shall become a vital part of the Government measure; and further declares that any attempt to exclude women will be met by the uncompromising opposition of organised labour to the whole Bill."

This proposal proved too extreme for Mr. Henderson's taste, and he protested against it on the ground that the effect would be to compel the Labour Party, if "by some accident," as he put it, Woman Suffrage were omitted from the Bill, to defeat the Government, and wreck "what might be a great scheme of electoral reform." At his request, Miss Bondfield omitted the last four words of her resolution. This robbed it of all real effect, for Mr. Asquith, knowing that the Labour members would not press their demand for women's enfranchisement to the point of defeating the Reform Bill and overthrowing

the Government, would not attach any importance to any verbal protestations they might make against the exclusion of women from the Reform Bill. It is to be hoped that if such a situation were to arise, the Labour members would be prepared to drive the Government to a choice between enfranchising women and suffering defeat; but Mr. Henderson's speech at the Conference is a proof that to get the sex disability removed before any other proposal to alter the electoral law comes before the House of Commons is the only really safe policy for Suffragists to pursue.

Growth of the Movement.

The W.S.P.U. has from the beginning carried on steady educative work, as important (although not as widely noticed by the Press) as the militant action. While the advance guard has always been ready to do and to suffer anything that might be called for by the conditions of the moment, the main body of this women's army has never for a moment paused in the task of reaching the public by meetings, great and small, and by every form of constitutional argument. Now that militant action is for the moment unnecessary, all activities are being devoted to educative work. In addition to the great Missions to Women, of which details will be found elsewhere, new centres of work have been started in districts where hitherto only occasional meetings have been held; at Preston, Bolton, Bury, Thanet, Canterbury, Ipswich, Derby, Reading, and Sheffield new organisers are now hard at work, and all the activity and power of the Union will be devoted to covering the ground so thoroughly that the Government may be put in dread of the disaster which will befall them if they have not granted votes to women before the next General Election.

Women Blacklegs.

It will be strange indeed if henceforward any women will be found debasing themselves by working for political parties that do not recognise their claim to the vote. It is, as Mrs. Pethick Lawrence said at the Queen's Hall on Monday, high time that women should begin a political strike, and not act as blacklegs towards the other women

who are standing out for political enfranchisement. Unionists and Liberals alike realise only too well the value of women's work, and are most anxious to obtain their help; thus, while the Gladstone League asks for the help of Liberal women, the *Daily Telegraph* in a recent issue makes the most barefaced appeal to women to work for the Unionist Party. It speaks of the Unionist success being in large measure due to the "untiring work of a lady supporters"; it speaks of their "splendid services," of their being "destined to take a larger share in Unionist organisation," of their being better able to influence the electors than men are, and it concludes with the words:—

These examples are merely cited to show what an active and extremely important part women may take in electioneering. They have not votes, it is true, but those who have watched the recent struggle know that women have a voice in elections. If ladies will band themselves into local associations on the lines indicated above they will unquestionably make their voices heard when the next contest is upon us.

In other words, although women have full capability of judging on political questions and an infinite capacity for political work, they will not be allowed to take a direct and independent share in politics by means of the vote, but are to continue to be, as at present, the drudges of the parties who refuse to reward them by admitting them to the franchise.

A Liberal Paper's Advice.

In *The Nation* for last week an editorial was devoted to "The Next Step in Women's Suffrage." The writer concludes as follows:—

We hope that if the Ministry retains office for any length of time, its chiefs will again be open to the reception of deputations, and to other constitutional methods of discussing a grievance which cannot, after all, be fully and authoritatively argued in a Parliament of men. Liberalism owes a good deal to the part which women have played in its propaganda. We hope that the debt thus incurred will be freely paid to the entire Suffrage movement.

This advice is certainly good as far as it goes. We hope that before very long *The Nation* will follow it up with definite and practical suggestions to the Government for action in a matter so long overdue.

The Attitude of the Press.

On another page will be found extracts showing that some of the papers are beginning to see the true state of affairs. Mr. John Edwards in the *Labour Leader* appeals to the Labour Party to make women's enfranchisement one of their chief aims. He describes the position exactly when he says that the magnificent enthusiasm which Mrs. Pankhurst has awakened amongst women will gain its end, and "has revealed to the nation the hollowness of Liberalism." The Liberal Government's treatment of political prisoners is also commented on in an illuminating fashion in the *Law Times* of February 12. After speaking of the case of Lady Constance Lytton and the sufferings of Miss Bryant, Miss Leslie Hall, Miss Brewster, and Miss Marsh, this paper says:—

We are witnessing, in fact, a fierce and disgusting struggle—degrading to both parties—between the imprisoned Suffragettes on the one side and the prison officers of both sexes on the other. Temporarily, of course, the officials can get the best of it; strait-waistcoats, gags, handcuffs, and stomach-pumps will effect something. But no Government in this country can afford to indulge over long in reprisals that offend the sense of the community. We cannot have women smashing the windows of their cells; they must unquestionably learn that prison rules are to be obeyed. But neither can we have the whole physical force of prison (backed by the governor and directed by medical men) applied to the subjugation of a headstrong girl.

In the *British Medical Journal* a lively correspondence has been proceeding on the action of the doctors who have been ordered by the Home Secretary to prostitute their profession on the pretence that forcible feeding is adopted from humane motives in order to save life. Sir Victor Horsley, who has written a series of powerful letters on the subject unmasking all this hypocrisy, closes the correspondence with the words: "What a travesty of the genuine treatment by a medical practitioner of a patient whose life is in danger, and what a disgrace to our calling that anyone with a medical education should describe such futile idiocy as life-saving professional care of a case!"

Men are Men, and—

It is very instructive to compare with the sentences on Suffragettes the treatment meted out to men who, although they have the vote and can make their wishes known, yet indulge in gratuitous and dangerous rioting. At Worcester recently several men were tried, who at the Droitwich elections smashed the Conservative committee-room windows, injured private property, and gave rise to such a dangerous state of affairs that the Riot Act had to be read and the police charged the mob. The jury, we read, acquitted all the prisoners. There was also a serious riot at Carnarvon, when the crowd tore down boards, broke windows, battered the doors and damaged much private property, and where a procession, carrying a banner with Lloyd George's portrait, came into conflict with the police. At midnight the crowd visited the house of the Unionist candidate's friend, overthrew the barriers, and rushed into the grounds. At the inquiry which was held recently it was stated by the chief constable that the police could best avoid disturbance by "not interfering with the crowd," and that one of the victims of this attack "must not grumble at the boiling up of Welsh blood if he abused Mr. Lloyd George." The County Police Committee approved the action of the police. In an Italian newspaper it is stated that Mr. Lloyd George, interviewed by a foreign journalist after the election, stated that although in England people did not break heads, his

supporters broke windows at Carnarvon, and he added the comment: "That is not so bad after all." If Mr. Lloyd George is correctly reported, we would ask him why window-breaking is then such a heinous offence when used as a last resort by women who have no constitutional means of making their grievances known? Another interesting case comes from Alfreton, where Mr. Francis, the Unionist candidate, struck a man who called him a liar at a political meeting a violent blow in the jaw. The Bench said that this was a "technical offence," and fined Mr. Francis sixpence!

A Case of Assault.

While women have been sentenced to outrageously long terms of imprisonment for doing slight damage, brutal personal assault goes unpunished when it is done by men upon women in the course of a political campaign. On page 321 will be found an account of the case brought by Miss Marsden, Miss Gawthorpe, and Miss Capper against three men for assault and against a town councillor for damaging a flag. The evidence showed that the women were violently treated; one of them was lifted into the car head first, and another was practically doubled up. In spite of this the cases were dismissed. The chairman announced that eight of the magistrates favoured dismissal and one was opposed to this course, but we are glad to see that Mr. Austin, one of the magistrates, protested against this and said that as a matter of fact the vote had shown five opinions for dismissal and four against it.

Prison Reform.

Since the Suffragettes went to prison and were able to make their voices heard concerning their experiences some of the more flagrant abuses have been reformed; in fact, women prisoners have said that Holloway is a different place now from what it was before the suffrage invasion. Another effect of the exposures made is the new scheme just framed by the Home Office for the treatment of girl prisoners. In future female prisoners between the ages of sixteen and twenty-three are to be kept separate from hardened criminals, and are to be taught lessons in sewing, dressmaking, etc., so that they may be helped to useful and self-supporting lives when they leave. A committee of ladies appointed from each prison are also to assist them if necessary to obtain situations when their sentence is served.

Militant Suffragists in Other Lands.

The suffrage struggle in England has not reached its present critical position without having a marked influence on other countries. Two very interesting items of news come to hand this week. In France the women Suffragists, tired of pleading to no purpose, have declared war upon the deputies, and have announced their intention of putting up a woman candidate against every deputy who does not declare himself in favour of the suffrage. Three women candidates have already announced themselves, and a "Self-Denial Fund" is to be started to carry on this active policy. In America, too, methods that verge on the militant have been adopted. One journal states that the movement has shown quite English vitality. Women are holding street meetings, chalking, posting bills, wearing badges, and adopting all the methods so famous in this country, while Washington State has now a campaign organ entitled *Votes for Women*. The American women have evidently learnt, too, not to be led off on a false scent. In Albany, New York, a Senator is introducing a Bill providing for a "special election" at which all women may vote on the question as to whether they ought to have the suffrage. However, the leaders of the movement in New York are indignant at this child's play, and insist on the suffrage issue being raised in the manner adopted in regard to other political questions.

Another very significant incident in America, showing the growth of solidarity among women, is the action of Society women during the recent strike of blouses-makers in New York. Many of them came out into the streets and took their stand as pickets by the side of the work-girls, and shared with them the rough usage of the strike-breakers. Some spoke in the streets and were arrested, others paid for bail and legal defence, others bore witness in the courts on behalf of the workers. Mrs. Belmont also used the occasion to point out the necessity of Woman Suffrage to rectify unjust conditions.

In Lemberg, Poland, at an insulting reference in a theatre to the English suffrage movement, a large number of women and men protested angrily, and finally left the theatre.

Contents of this Number.

Our readers will be delighted to find in this issue a verbatim report of the beautiful and inspiring speech delivered at the Queen's Hall by Mr. John Masefield. Another article of special interest by Miss Mary Gawthorpe deals with the present attempt to make marriage a bar to honourable work in the teaching profession, and utters a word of warning to all women that, unless they have the vote, they may find their livelihood in danger. The political position is dealt with by Miss Pankhurst on page 324. For reasons of space the second article of Mr. Pethick Lawrence's series "Women's Fight for the Vote" has been held over till next week. A full account will be found on page 327 of the great Mission to Women now in full swing in the metropolis.

TREASURER'S NOTE.

The members of the Union may congratulate themselves upon yet one more financial achievement. Five thousand pounds was the sum asked for to carry out the General Election Campaign; £4,452 has been sent in direct subscriptions to headquarters, and several hundreds of pounds have been raised and spent locally by the local Unions. The end of the General Election and the beginning of the new Parliamentary Session find us in a position of great advantage both politically and financially. We have never been anything like as strong as we are to-day. We are ready to take the field at by-elections. Great plans are being laid for development and extension of our organisation throughout the country. What we want now is more voluntary workers, speakers, canvassers, organisers. We want hundreds. We want thousands. Their places are empty until they come along to fill them. Their work cannot be done until they devote themselves to the task. The plans are laid. The schemes have been drawn up. For we know that our new unknown comrades are on the way. The history of this movement has been that the right people have always appeared at the right moment, to supply the most urgent need. The urgent need to-day is the need for personal service devotedly rendered by ever-increasing armies of women.

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Señora Ferrer de Remus	0 5 0	Mrs. Powell	0 1 0
Dr. Hilner Stallard	0 10 0	Miss Peakes	0 1 0
Miss R. C. Gamble	0 2 0	Extra on Votes for	
Miss O. Marsh	0 3 0	Women	0 0 3
Mrs. Kimer	0 3 0	Per Miss Gawthorpe—	
Miss Alice Heale	1 1 0	Miss Una Dugdale	3 9 0
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Mrs. Clayton	0 2 6	Mrs. Rolfe	0 2 6
Miss F. L. Carnegie	0 5 0	Miss Heddle	0 1 0
Miss A. N. Wood	0 4 0	Miss McLean	0 5 0
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Mrs. Kaldwyn	1 0 0	Mrs. Frank Corbett	1 0 0
Misses C. Macdonald and		Profit on Literature	8 0 0
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Miss G. Wheaton	0 2 6	Esq.	2 0 0
Miss Helen Roth	0 10 0	Per Miss D. Pethick—	
Mrs. H. Woodhouse	0 1 6	Nurse Johns (coll.)	0 5 0
Miss Olive Albert	1 0 0	Dr. Fairfield	0 4 0
Mrs. and Miss Metcalfe		Miss E. F. Hughes	0 10 0
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Miss L. Gladish	0 2 6		
Miss Lillian Kent	0 5 0		
Miss Davies	0 5 0		
Miss Eva Marshall	0 2 6		
Miss Bertha Turner	0 5 0		
Mrs. B. Crowther	1 0 0		
Mrs. MacRae	0 12 0		
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Miss Kemp	3 0 0		
Miss Monry	0 10 0		
Miss J. Forest (coll.)	0 8 0		
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Per Chiswick W.S.P.U.—			
Mrs. Gordon Holmes	0 5 0		
Per Miss Conlan—			
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Miss Macnaught	0 5 0		
Mrs. Richardson	0 5 0		
Miss Barrowman	0 5 0		
Mrs. Marquis	0 5 0		
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Miss G. Llewellyn	0 15 0		
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Miss Craig, L.L.A.	0 5 0		
Miss Cook, L.L.A.	0 1 0		
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Women	1 6 1		

ERRATA:—The amount of £7 12s. 6d. collected by Mrs. Whittaker and Miss Henry, and published last week as for General Election Fund, should be for Southport Legal Defence Fund. The following names were entered incorrectly:—"H. Farrer, Esq., 10s.; the Misses Catterall, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Butterworth, 5s.; and the Misses Parkes, 1s."

One of the first pieces of business to be transacted after the formal opening of Parliament is the ballot for private Members' Bills. It is hoped that one of the Members fortunate enough to secure a good place in the ballot will introduce the Women's Enfranchisement Bill. The short interval yet remaining before the ballot takes place should be devoted by readers of this paper to inducing Members of Parliament to ballot for the Women's Enfranchisement Bill.

MY FAITH IN WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Report of a Speech Delivered in the Queen's Hall, February 14, 1910, by John Masefield.

You have done me the honour to ask me to confess my faith in the cause of Woman's Suffrage.

Before I begin I must confess the faith by which I live.

I am a writer, which is, as you all know, as much as to say an extremely bad citizen. It is an unhappy thing that artists should have come to think that they have a right to be bad citizens. It is one of the stupidities which have helped to make the world a bad place for women. An artist's first duty is to be a worthy lantern for the flame within him. Art can wait. Art is a mighty long thing. But the world cannot wait. We cannot wait. We have to better the world now. To-morrow we shall be gone. And if the people who care intensely for ideas and things of beauty take no care to apply them to life, then life must suffer. The management of life will be handed over to people without that fineness—to those practical, sober-headed men of affairs who have made life hideous throughout the ages. That is what has happened in England here. That is why women, who have always cared for a fineness of life, are trying now to do what the poets and the artists should have done for them had they been worthy of the flame which burned in them.

I spend my time in creating fictitious characters to express certain moral ideas. I am bound by sacred unwritten traditions to take care that the little mirror which I hold up to life be not distorted by any narrowness or prejudice or party feeling. Writers have to render to God an account of the soul of the world.

As Ibsen said: "To write is to hang the Day of Judgment over you."

You have never all been together before. You will never be all together again. For this little moment of eternity I am responsible for your states of mind.

Let me, then, speak to you as one who can have nothing to do with party, but who cares intensely for the world's soul, and for what that soul can do to perfect life.

The Verdict of Posterity.

Let me say at the beginning that I am very proud and glad to be asked to speak to you. I stand here for my sex to tell you that when I lie awake, thinking of the future, thinking of the world which will be

"When all the breathers of this world are dead"

I blush for what our grandchildren will say of the men of my generation. I once knew what is called a man of the world, who had a number of old journals written by an ancestor a hundred and fifty years ago. This ancestor had travelled all over Europe during the drums and trappings of the Seven Years' War. He had seen much, and noted much which we here could only see and know through him. And these records of what life was to him descended to that practical man of affairs of whom I spoke. Some weeks later I asked him if he had read them, thinking that I might get them published. He answered that he had read them, and "they were only a lot of old-fashioned stuff about travelling in coaches. There was a lot of talk in them about wigs and packet-boats and Frederick of Prussia." "And," my friend concluded, "it seems so silly now." So he burnt the lot of them—lock, stock, and barrel. And that little window into the past, that little record of a life, was gone. It was as though all that labour had existed so that I might speak of its futility to-day. And, looking ahead to a saner, more spiritual England, to our grandsons, to the men whose souls are being made by our strivings here, by your striving far more surely than by mine, I see such men taking up the journals of this generation and reading such entries as the following:—

JUNE 1.—On this day a Suffragette lying ill in bed in prison was pumped on for refusing food. Such actions redound to the credit of humanity. They link us to the stars.

Or perhaps this:—

JUNE 2.—On this day a manly Briton spat at some unsexed women who were asking for the vote.

Or perhaps this:—

JUNE 3.—On this day twenty ladies were man-handled and dragged to prison for trying to present a petition. And serve them right, for woman's place is the home.

Or perhaps this:—

JUNE 4.—On this day our great, wise Parliament, the envy of the civilised world, consisting, as it does, of men who are born great and of men who have greatness thrust upon them, decided to declare war. They did this without reference to the women who had made the bodies which that war blew to pieces. For our Parliament is still, we are proud to say, like the Senate of old Rome, a house of men, free, luckily, from any puling womanly sentiment about mercy and justice and common sense.

Or perhaps this last extract:—

JUNE 5.—On this day Rhoda Fleming was condemned to death at the Old Bailey for the murder of her illegitimate child. On this same day Tom Jones, the father of that child, was married at St. Margaret's, Westminster, the service being fully choral. At the breakfast after the ceremony, the bridegroom, in a voice broken with emotion and champagne, was understood to say that the love of a pure woman is an elevating factor in human life.

Reading such extracts as those, I think that our grandsons and granddaughters will burn the journals and say, not as my friend said, "It seems so silly now," but "It seems despicable. It seems incredible. Were they sane in those days? Were they human beings? Were they not crazy and blinded? What was it in them? They cried out and raged and stormed upon those who burned Joan of Arc. They honoured those Spartans who combed their hair for death before going up into the Pass. They put up statues to the martyrs who drew the

sword, and told the truth, and held up shaking hands in the fire. Yet when they had Joan of Arc among them they lacked the living eyes to see her. They thrust her into prison with the rest as an unsexed, shrieking sister. When Thermopylae was nobly played out again before them, they took the side of the Persians and the big battalions. They sent their troops against the Spartans with a great deal of brag about the bull-dog breed. And when the martyrs were among them—in the dock, in the gaol-yard, in the gaol hospital, speaking in the parks among horseplay, or selling papers in the street amid chaff, the men of that generation took no heed. They were so dead to the old spirit of England that a struggle for liberty, a struggle for justice, a struggle to make whiter the spotted old rags in which life walks among us was nothing to those men but an opportunity for insult."

An Oriental Point of View.

There is another thing: Women have suffered a good deal, and still suffer, from the fact that our religion, being mainly Oriental, has imposed on men much of the Oriental point of view about women. We have the view that women should be subject; that they should keep silent; that they should not have lives of their own, but exist for certain episodes in man's life. Men have overlaid these views with a veneer of manners, but that they hold them in their hearts may be known from their attitude when they see them questioned. Consciously or unconsciously, on those occasions men refer not to common sense, not to modern ideas, or natural analogy, but to the books and records of an Oriental race, for which they have no liking and about which they have no exact critical knowledge. When English teachers have settled whether Greek and cricket are to be compulsory I trust that they may take steps to exclude that old harem point of view from the liberal education of young men. But probably by the time that happens women, who have the most to suffer from deficiencies in male education, will have taken over from men the ordering of our youth's equipment for life.

And that will be a fine thing, for boys and young men are brought up as though they would always be boys, as though the world consisted of a playing field and a tuck-shop, from which, when very weary, or very bilious, they may go home to be contemptuous of their sisters.

They are taught how to deal with certain kinds of men, and how to make empty verses in dead tongues. And they learn (by the way) a great deal of grossness about some of the sacred things of life. They learn to have a great and vulgar curiosity about women. It is an extraordinary thing to me that they are not taught to have a great reverence.

Now, the direct result of stupidity is unpleasantness of some kind to the stupid person. The indirect result is a putting back of Time's clock. I will try to examine the results of this particular stupidity as I see them in the world about us.

Woman has never been, and is not now, publicly accepted as man's equal. In ancient Germany she was considered man's superior. In modern Britain, where the beastly figure of John Bull has long supplanted the St. George who rescued women, she is considered as an inferior mind, as a bodily possession, as a nurse in sickness, or as a domestic drudge. Never, or almost never, as a natural ally in the great war with Nature, which the female began when she first gave her body to feed her young.

Woman is partly responsible for man's low opinion of her. She has played up (though, I dare say, with her tongue in her cheek) to his assumption of superiority; she has made herself supremely attractive as a possession, and her genius for self-sacrifice has made her an unselfish nurse and an excellent orderer of homes.

Many think that those things make up the complete duty of woman. Self-effacement is not the complete duty of any human being. The complete duty of a human being is to perfect the world. And woman's self-effacement has helped to emphasise and to widen that gulf between the sexes, which makes the two halves of the human race utter mysteries, utter strangers, often bitter enemies, to each other, instead of understanding friends and comrades, fellow pilgrims under the stars. I will not abuse man. I come neither to bury Caesar nor to praise him. Men and women are shut up together for a few years in a world which gives nothing for the asking. And man says that woman shall serve him, not serve the world, nor try to improve the world.

It is the more tragical, because man, who pronounces thus light-heartedly, is not concerned with life at all. Only with the affairs of life. Woman, on the other hand, is occupied with life until she dies; largely with the creation of life; still more largely with the conduct of life. As far as the world's conduct has any tone at all, she is responsible for it.

If you come to look closely at them you will see that most of the tragedies of life are due to stupidity. The stupidity may be merely dulness of perception or wilfulness of ignorance, or lowness of character; but it is the something not quite illuminated, not quite alive, not quite genuine in us, which wrecks the world. Not fate. Not destiny. Merely a want of understanding in ourselves and others.

Life is a great play, and the world a marvellous theatre.

There are many wonderful things in both. But the women here who have fought this divine heart-breaking battle against prejudice will not need to be told that the rarest thing is understanding, imagination, imaginative sympathy.

We know that the world is wide, but we also know that it is a little dust under our feet, ready to grow us fruit or to build us palaces as our will directs. We know that life is short. But we also know that the human mind can make it perfect. And it is one of the strangest and most tragical things in human destiny that man, whose joy has built the ship and the engine, should deny to woman, whose suffering has built the human body and the human soul, the justice of an equal share in the task of perfecting our common heritage. Life needs perfecting.

Magna est Veritas.

I have only to go out from this room to enter the richest street in the richest town in the richest country of the world. And I shall see Englishmen starving there, going in stinking rags, going shoeless to their poisonous hovels in the slums. I shall see English people denied the possibility of everything which makes life rapturous to myself. I shall see English women forced, by man's lust, or man's cruelty, to a life which disgraces man even as an animal. I shall see little children (born of foul parents) growing up from the gutter to be wild beasts and plague spots. You will perfect all that. Men and women do not differ in anything so much as in their standards of life. When you have the vote I think that the great result will be seen, not in international, nor in party politics, but in a raising of the national life, a lifting of the stupid donkey of humanity out of the mud, so that he may see the stars and grope towards a juicier thistle.

You will have the vote. Truth is great and will prevail.

"The utter truth will slay the utter lie."

In this rich, peaceful land, where the men have forgotten, you have remembered that it is not by peace and wealth that the life of a great nation is maintained, but by that quality of virtue which casts aside such things as the comfortable, clogging things which blind us to reality. You have seen that a life is judged by what its virtue makes it dare. You have seen that a generation which does not remake its own soul after a finer image is a dying generation. You have flung into the world a blazing torch of beauty. You have proclaimed for the first time that the old rule of sex is dead. And that the new rule of human beings, of comrades, may begin, to make this world liker a star and life something liker what God breathed into the clay.

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THE SCOTTISH EXHIBITION.

Charing Cross Halls, Glasgow, April 28th, 29th, 30th.

Exhibition Secretary, Glasgow: Miss Frances McPhun.
Exhibition Offices for Glasgow: 141, Bath Street, Glasgow.
Edinburgh Secretary: Miss Geddes, 8, Melville Place,
Queensferry Street.

Unaccustomed sunbeams begin to find their way into dingy city streets, sparrows chirp tentatively on the window-sills; moreover, the old man at the corner with the tin whistle has ceased piping "Oh, wert thou in the cauld blast" and assures us instead that "Gloomy winter's noo' awa'!" We cannot but hope so! And yet—this winter, if gloomy and sad, indeed, has been a great and eventful one in the history of the campaign for Woman Suffrage—how really great perhaps many of us will only fully realise when, in the years to come, we look back and see it in perspective. The last few months have witnessed instance after instance of self-sacrifice and voluntary suffering on the part of women for their sister-women. It is a thing unparalleled, very terrible and very splendid. How many women reading and hearing of this, and understanding all that it means, have sighed with regret that circumstances—or want of moral courage—prevented them from joining those at the fighting line? Now comes their opportunity.

It is true that the swords have been—provisionally—beaten into ploughshares, but this does not mean that everything comes to a standstill. Far from it! More than ever must meetings be held, speeches made, pamphlets distributed, propaganda extended in every direction. The campaign must go on, and for this, as for very other campaign, noble though its aim, we must have—O prosaic world!—money. That is why it has been decided to hold a Scottish Exhibition and Sale of Work.

We are all familiar with the idea that the militant Suffragette is a person with rudimentary notions of cooking, who cannot sew, and is, in fact, not domesticated. This is her chance to demonstrate in Scotland, as she did in London last year, that the hands which know how to throw stones on occasion—and on principle—are, in truth, among the most skilful and adept in wielding the needle, the paint-brush, or the cooking-spoon! Helpers of all kinds are wanted—those who will give money, those who will give time or work, those who will give ideas. And those who help will not regret it, for as time goes on they will realise more and more that this is a movement with which it is a privilege to be associated, and by-and-bye they will be glad to be able to say: "I, too, did what I could."

Projects of all kinds are afoot for raising money to help in attaining the total desired, viz., £2,000. Opportunities are here for the old and for the young, the frivolous and the studious, the fabricator of dainty garments and the person who has old ones to dispose of. It will, therefore, be seen that no one who reads VOTES FOR WOMEN and who would like to do something to help on the work has the least excuse for saying: "There is nothing that I can do!" or "I can do so little—it is not worth while." Even as no contribution is too large, so also is no contribution too small.

Practical Points.

The Glasgow Exhibition Secretary (Miss Frances McPhun) would like all circulars to be returned at once.

The Glasgow Work Party meets at the old W.S.P.U. offices, 141, Bath Street, on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3 and 8 p.m. Members in Glasgow and neighbourhood are urged to join or to send contributions of money or material.

Note.—Ten shillings and the promise of a contribution of material have been received from someone who omitted to give her name and address. The Exhibition Secretary begs to acknowledge receipt with thanks, and would be glad if all contributors would remember to sign the circular when returning it.

In Edinburgh work parties are held three times a week—for details see Edinburgh, page 328.

Promises are wanted of goods for the Glasgow jumble sale to be held in March. Miss McPhun would be very glad to hear from any Glasgow member willing to lend a lorry or cart to collect the goods.

Mrs. Gillies, Churnside, Berwick-on-Tweed, will be pleased to have promises of goods for the produce stall; delivery of goods to be on and after April 26.

Amongst the arrangements being made are the following:

A Dance.

This will take place in the Windsor Hotel, Glasgow, about March 15. An influential committee has been formed, who are arranging that everything shall be done to ensure a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Tickets, the number of which is limited to about 250, may be had at the Exhibition Offices, 141, Bath Street. Price 6s.

A Whist Drive

to take place towards the end of March. Tickets 2s. 6d., to be had at the Exhibition Offices.

A Jumble Sale.

This will be held in Govan on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19. All members are invited to send old clothes, furniture, kitchen utensils, etc. Everything is acceptable. Glasgow members who intend to contribute are requested to intimate the fact at the offices (141, Bath Street), and a cart will be sent round to the various houses to collect the goods.

Literary Competitions.

Postcards have been printed with the following question:—"Name the six best drawn female characters in English and Scotch prose fiction in the nineteenth century in order of merit." Postcards may be had at the offices. Entrance fee, 6d. Prizes, value 15s. and 5s. A large sum might be realised by this competition if members would each undertake to dispose of half a dozen or a dozen postcards amongst their friends.

Blouse-Making Competition.

A prize will be given for the prettiest and best made blouse, materials not to cost more than 2s. 6d. All blouses to go to the Exhibition.

Photo Coupons.

Mr. Annan, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, whose beautifully artistic work is so widely known, has kindly arranged to let us have coupons, each costing 10s. 6d., for which he will supply three cabinet photographs. All money taken in this way will go to the bazaar fund should 100 or more coupons be sold.

Millinery Stall.

Mrs. Macdonald, of London, who is convener of this stall, has already obtained promises from many of the best known London and Parisian hat shops to supply her stall with a hat as an advertisement—all proceeds to go to the Exhibition Fund. Members could help this stall by obtaining hats in this way from the firm they are in the habit of dealing with.

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Missions to Women.

The great activity for the past four years of the W.S.P.U. has had its influence, not only on the thousands of women who have already flocked to the standard, but also on those who spend their lives quietly in their homes and as yet take no part in the great struggle. They have now realised that this movement affects them vitally, even in their homes, and in order to point out to them the duty of demanding their political rights a great Woman's Mission has been undertaken. An enormous number of meetings have been arranged, and Mrs. Pankhurst is taking an active part in this work, especially in the provinces; the Mission in London is already in full swing. See pp. 326, 327, and 328.

Free Meetings in London.

Every week two great free meetings, open to all who are interested, are held in London—on Mondays at 3 p.m. at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, and on Thursday evenings at 8 at St. James's Hall, Gt. Portland Street. Next Monday, February 21, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will take the chair, and as the King's Speech will have been read on the same day, Miss Christabel Pankhurst's speech on the place of the Woman's Suffrage question in the present political conditions will be of more than ordinary interest and importance. Mr. Brailsford, whose magnificent services to this cause is so greatly appreciated, will address the meeting, and Miss Georgina Brackenbury, who has done such splendid work for the Union, will also speak. Next Thursday the speakers will be Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Miss Barbara Ayrton.

The Albert Hall Meeting.

At the great Albert Hall meeting, which will be held on March 18, members and friends will have an opportunity of hearing the leaders of the movement on the political situation. As tickets are selling very rapidly, those who wish for the opportunity of being present are advised to communicate without delay with the Ticket Secretary, Miss Cooke, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. The prices are as follows:—Stalls, 3s.; arena, 2s. 6d.; balcony, 1s.; upper orchestra, 6d., and boxes at various prices. The 1s. and 6d. seats are for women only, and all seats are numbered except those in the upper orchestra. The lower orchestra tickets are all sold.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst in Dublin.

The many friends of the W.S.P.U. in Ireland will welcome the news that the Irish Women's Franchise League have arranged a meeting in the Large Hall of the Rotunda, Dublin, at which Miss Christabel Pankhurst will speak on Friday, March 11. It is interesting to note that this hall, called the Round Room, was built for Daniel O'Connell's great meetings. Full details may be obtained from the hon. secretary of the League, Antient Concert Buildings, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin.

The Movement in Scotland.

In Scotland, which has been responding so earnestly to the efforts of the organisers, two special events are arranged for the near future. Next week Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will hold a series of meetings there, speaking on Wednesday at Glasgow, and on Thursday at Edinburgh (details will be found on p. 327). The other event for which Scottish members are working their hardest is the Exhibition and Sale of Work for April 28, 29 and 30 in Glasgow. Members who will seize this great opportunity for helping forward the Cause north of the Tweed are asked to communicate with Mrs. Drummond, 502, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow; further particulars will be found above.

Join the Union!

Day by day women outside the ranks are beginning to understand and sympathise with the militant movement which

has accomplished so much and paid so willingly the heavy price of victory. With every pledged member the Union will grow in strength and the attention of sympathisers is drawn to the copy on page 324 of the membership form, which should be signed and posted, with the entrance fee of 1s., to the Hon. Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

The Forcible Feeding Poster.

A coloured poster representing the forcible feeding of Suffragettes in prison, a black-and-white drawing of which appeared in VOTES FOR WOMEN of January 28, is now ready. It is printed in four colours, and is a very graphic means of bringing home to the public the terrible ordeal through which nearly forty women have gone in the cause of political freedom. Members are invited to write to the Secretary, Woman's Press, 4, Clements Inn, W.C., for this poster, which is in two sizes—viz., 80 ins. wide by 60 ins. high (suitable for hoardings), price 6d., by post 7½d.; and 20 ins. by 15 ins. (suitable for windows), price 1d., by post 1½d.

Selling "Votes for Women."

The opening of Parliament next Monday affords a specially favourable time for selling VOTES FOR WOMEN to the assembled crowds, and on that day and also on the following day volunteers are invited to seize this opportunity and to call at the W.S.P.U. General Offices, 4, Clements Inn, W.C., at 12 o'clock, for supplies of the paper. Another Poster Parade will take place to-day (Friday) at 11 a.m., and helpers should be at Clements Inn at 10.45 ready to take part.

Court Theatre Meeting.

It is with very great regret that this meeting, announced for next Tuesday, has been postponed on account of the illness of Lady Constance Lytton, who was to have spoken, and in honour of whose magnificent service to the Union a special sum of money was to have been subscribed. Purchasers of tickets who wish to have the money they have paid returned to them are requested to apply to the Chelsea W.S.P.U. Shop, 278, King's Road, Chelsea, S.W.

The Woman's Press.

Those who wish to be up to date in replying to opponents of Woman Suffrage will find the case stated in conversational form in "For or Against," by Lady Sybil Smith. The book, price 6d., is published by the Woman's Press, 4, Clements Inn, W.C. Two new portrait postcards of "General" Drummond are on sale, price 2d., and a new safety-pin brooch with miniature portrait of Miss Christabel Pankhurst, price 2d.

EVOLUTION.

HE.

"I will give you house, I will give you board,
I will be your staff, I will be your lord;
You shall only smile and tire your head
(When you've swept my floor and baked my bread)
To obtain this high reward."

SHE.

"I have baked your bread for a thousand years;
It is chaff to me, and your wine is tears,
And to tire my head for a change instead
Is a thing, I find, that tires my head:
Now pay me my soul's arrears!"

HE.

"I will give you praise; I will set your throne
With the shining stars in their sapphire zone,
While I fare me forth on a knightly quest,
And proclaim you queen from East to West—
Queen, Goddess, Saint in one."

SHE.

"'Tis a fair conceit, but my throne is far,
Very far, from you and the seat of war;
O, the years are long and my heart grows faint,
For I am not goddess or queen or saint,
But woman—as women are."

HE.

"Take your heart's desire! I will set you free,
And divide the world between you and me;
Though it darken my sun in Heaven, go use
Your life in the way that you shall choose,
With my gift of Liberty."

SHE.

"O, your sun shall shine, though I see it, too!
To divide is old, but to share is new;
Though the gift divine at your hands I take—
Though I live as I choose—yet who shall make
My life what I choose but you?"

V. H. FRIEDLAENDER.

"WOMEN'S FIGHT FOR THE VOTE."

Owing to lack of space, the next article of this series is held over until next issue.

A correspondent writes questioning the statement made in Chapter I., that married women will obtain the vote under the Women's Enfranchisement Bill there cited, provided they possess the necessary qualifications. He says, "It is necessary to point out that the limited Bill would not enfranchise one married woman, whether she were rich or poor, since it does not remove the law of coverture. Any measure which intends to enfranchise the married women must explicitly say so." Our correspondent is incorrectly informed. There is no law of coverture which would apply in such a case; the matter is one of interpretation. And though it is, of course, impossible to predict what view the courts would take until the matter be presented to them, there is no good ground for supposing that the obsolete doctrine of coverture would be dragged in to the interpretation of a franchise law, especially since the Married Women's Property Acts, the passing of which has so revolutionised the position of married women.

MR. GLADSTONE AND LADY CONSTANCE LYTON.

The Home Secretary has caused the following letter to be addressed to a correspondent who called his attention to the statements made with reference to the imprisonment of Lady Constance Lytton at Liverpool:—

"Home Office, Whitehall, Feb. 8, 1910.

"Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 28th ult., I am directed by the Secretary of State to say that the statement that Lady Constance Lytton was released from Liverpool Prison only when her identity was discovered is untrue. The release of 'Jane Warton' was recommended by the medical officer and authorised by the Secretary of State upon purely medical grounds before her identity with Lady Constance Lytton was suspected by any official either at the Home Office or at the prison.

"As regards the allegation that the treatment of 'Jane Warton' differed from that of Lady Constance Lytton, I am to inform you that Lady Constance Lytton was released from Newcastle Prison in October last because the medical authorities at that prison considered that, owing to the condition of her heart, the violent resistance which she was expected to offer to the necessary artificial feeding would be attended with risk. Their diagnosis of the case has recently been fully confirmed by the opinion of her own medical attendant.

"Upon her reception at Liverpool Prison under the name of 'Jane Warton' on the 15th ult. she refused to allow her heart to be examined. From her demeanour and conversation there was no reason to anticipate that she would resist being fed, and the examination of her heart which she allowed the doctor to make before he fed her did not indicate that the operation would involve risk to her health. She was, accordingly, artificially fed for a few days, like any other prisoner who persists in refusing to take food. On the 22nd ult. the medical officer, finding that the injury to her health which was being caused by her persistent refusal to take food could not be prevented by artificial feeding, recommended her discharge on the ground of her state of health, and she was released in accordance with the usual practice in such cases.

"The suggestion that any difference in her treatment at the two prisons was due to considerations of social position is entirely without foundation, and the Secretary of State is satisfied, after careful inquiry, that there is no justification whatever for the charges made by Lady Constance Lytton against the officers employed at Liverpool Prison.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

"EDWARD TROUP."

A Reply.

Lady Constance Lytton's friends desire to say, in reference to this official statement, that the Home Secretary has refused to grant a full and impartial inquiry, at which it was hoped that she would have the opportunity of proving her charge against the officials of Walton Gaol, and steps are being taken to request him to reconsider his decision.

PRISON DOCTORS AND THE HOME OFFICE.

An interesting correspondence on this subject, which has been proceeding for some weeks in the *British Medical Journal*, closes in the issue of February 5 with a letter from Sir Victor Horsley. He sums up as follows the real facts, which the prison doctors, in order to shield the Home Secretary, have endeavoured to distort:—"A political prisoner starving is ordered by the Home Secretary to be forcibly artificially fed 'in order to save her life.' The prison medical officer sets to work to carry out his orders. The 'life-saving treatment,' however, sets up vomiting, gastritis, etc. The starvation naturally gets worse. The emaciation and weakness become very alarming, and then the prison medical officer refers to his chief, the Home Secretary. That functionary being at the end of his ('medical') tether cannot imagine what to do next, and only does what he ought to have done before—namely, liberates his victim from prison and lets her escape from his 'life-saving' and 'humanitarian' authority.

"What a travesty of the genuine treatment by a medical practitioner of a patient whose life is in danger, and what a disgrace to our calling that anyone with a medical education should describe such futile idiosyncrasy as life-saving professional care of a case!"

"I WONDER WHETHER THERE WILL BE SUFFRAGETTES THERE?"

Over these words we published on November 5 a cartoon showing Mr. Herbert Gladstone pondering over a map of South Africa. A correspondent in Johannesburg informs us that the cartoon has been reproduced in *Modern Woman in South Africa*, the new woman's paper, with the words: "Votes for Women and the right hon. gentlemen have our promise that the South African Suffragettes—for they are here—will do their best to make their future Governor-General feel quite at home."

SUFFRAGETTE ASSAULT CASES AT SOUTHPORT.

Charges against three men for assault and against Dr. Arthur Limont (a member of the Town Council) for damaging a flag were brought at Southport on Monday last by Miss Dora Marsden, Miss Mary Gawthorpe, and Miss Mabel Capper. In spite of the evidence, the magistrates dismissed the cases.

Mr. Greaves Lord said the cases were brought in order to show that women were entitled to be protected by the law as well as other individuals. On January 24, the election day in the Southport Division, Miss Gawthorpe, Miss Dora Marsden, Miss Capper, and other ladies attended at several polling booths to further certain principles they were known to support. One or two representatives were left as "pickets" at each polling booth, and from time to time during the day these representatives were visited. Between four and five o'clock the three complainants arrived in a motor-car at St. Simon's and St. Jude's School, one of the polling booths, and Dr. Limont took a flag from the car. It was through this that the whole bother commenced. Limont tore the flag off, broke it, and threw it into the crowd. Miss Gawthorpe and Miss Capper, upon getting out of the car, were set upon by the three men. The crowd pushed Miss Gawthorpe violently against the car, and she was forced against the door. Miss Capper was taken hold of by some of the defendants, was lifted bodily over Miss Gawthorpe's head, and put back into the car head first. Mr. Lord added that the complainants did not desire exemplary punishment of their assailants. If the defendants would admit they had been wrong and would apologise he was willing that the proceedings should end.

The evidence showed that the police had stated they would not be responsible for the safety of the women unless they moved on; a former constable, after stating that he did not see any violence, was reminded that he had signed a statement to the Chief Constable that violence had been used, and he said one of the ladies was pushed into the car "head over heels."

An election worker named William Johnston said he carried one of the Suffragettes to the car, but did not consider he used unnecessary violence.

The chairman of the magistrates, Sir George Pollard, M.P., announced that the Bench would dismiss the assault cases, and added that eight of the magistrates favoured dismissal and one was opposed to that course.

Mr. Austen, another of the magistrates, protested against this statement being made in court, and said that as a matter of fact the voting had shown five opinions for dismissal and four against it.

The cases were dismissed, and an application for costs made by Mr. Evans was refused. Mr. Greaves Lord then withdrew the case against Dr. Limont.

A Church Magazine's Comment.

The General Election has come and gone. May we never see its like again! . . . Many foolish things were said and done during its course for which the perpetrators are doubtless sorry now. Unhappily, one such thing has left a stain upon High Park which it will take long to wipe out. The afternoon of the polling day witnessed a most cowardly and brutal attack upon some lady advocates of votes for women outside St. Simon and St. Jude's Schools. Whatever may be thought of the object and methods of the Suffragist movement—and these are not now in question—every sensible reader of the magazine will agree that its exponents ought, by their very sex, to be protected from assault. Yet what happened in High Park? While three ladies were doing what they were fully entitled to do—what was, indeed, being done by both parties on the same day—making a tour of the polling stations in a car decorated with their distinctive colours—they were brutally ill-treated by some bystanders, who, I am assured, threw one lady into the car and would in a few minutes have torn off their clothing. And all this while a crowd of others stood by and did nothing! I am thankful to learn that the names of the perpetrators of this outrage are known to the police. In all the stormy annals of the Suffragist movement—and there have been some perilous times—there has been no incident which equals this. Is it any wonder that High Park bears so evil a reputation among those who know it only by report? The many excellent and worthy people in it suffer for the sins of its few undesirables. I know some of its best men of both political parties, and I am sure they will look back on the discreditable incident of January 24 with indignation and shame. I long for the time when the healthy public opinion of High Park will make such an outrage not merely impossible, but unthinkable.

—From Letter to Parishioners by Vicar of St. Simon and St. Jude, Southport, February, 1910.

There is an old saying that a woman will dare anything for a man but nothing for a cause. That belief has now been pretty thoroughly exploded. Voluntarily for a cause the most delicately-nurtured women have endured discomforts, trials, and pains which few men would care to undergo.

—Freston Guardian.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE AND THE LABOUR CONFERENCE.

The question of Woman Suffrage was before the Conference of the Labour party at Newport last week more than once. It was referred to by Mr. Keir Hardie in his presidential address. "Give us," said Mr. Hardie, "a people completely enfranchised, with all property qualifications and sex barriers removed." Later, Miss Margaret Bondfield moved a resolution demanding that the inclusion of women in the Reform Bill promised by the Government should not be left to the chances of an amendment, but should become a vital part of the measure, and declaring that any attempt to exclude women "should be met by the uncompromising opposition of organised labour to the whole Bill."

Mr. Henderson, while admitting the agreement of the conference on the principle of Woman Suffrage, said it was highly probable that the Reform Bill, when introduced, would be a Government measure and a very large one. Suppose that by some accident the one point of women's enfranchisement were left out and a motion to include it in the Bill defeated, were the party to be bound hand and foot to offer uncompromising opposition to the whole Bill on that account? He was of opinion that Labour members should be free to do their best on behalf of women without wrecking what might be a great scheme of electoral reform. The resolution was passed with the omission of the last four words.

Speaking on this point at St. James's Hall on Thursday evening, Miss Christabel Pankhurst said that it was quite plain that Mr. Henderson was willing to let the woman's cause go to the wall if it appeared likely to interfere with the passing of an Electoral Reform Bill. Women, as usual, were to come off worst. "The Government that will not give justice to women," said Miss Pankhurst, "deserves to be wrecked, and if the Labour party will not wreck it we are prepared to do so."

The Women's Labour League, which had met at Newport the day before, passed Miss Bondfield's resolution as it stood, and also discussed electoral reform, boy and girl labour, school dinners, feeding of school children, provision for working mothers, and Poor-law reform. A motion to affiliate to the People's Suffrage Federation was defeated, Miss Marion Phillips pointing out that each branch of the Woman Suffrage movement should work smoothly in its own way.

W.S.P.U. Campaign at Newport.

The special campaign for the Labour Conference week in Newport was a great success. As a delegate remarked, "One sees Suffragettes always and everywhere." Every day while the Conference lasted women in the colours were outside the halls distributing the special leaflet, selling the paper, and otherwise impressing on the Labour members and delegates the urgency of the women's demand. Their presence roused much interest and sympathy.

Midday and evening meetings were held in the open air. These were attended by very large, orderly crowds.

A special feature of the campaign was the sale of **VOTES FOR WOMEN**. For the first time in Newport the paper was sold at pitches in the street. The local members helped the campaign splendidly in various ways—by taking charge of the shop, by giving out leaflets, and selling the paper in the street, and through their unfailing generosity Miss Barrett and her workers were able to more than cover the cost of the campaign.

The Duty of the Labour Party.

Let us have no talk of a coalition between the Liberal and Labour parties. Even to contemplate such a misalliance is a degradation of the aims of Labour. . . . The Labour Party must always fight. Every project brought before the House must be supported, criticised, amended, or opposed as the occasion requires. . . . Once permit the reigning Cabinet to assume that the Labour Party will hesitate to vote against the Government in a critical division lest the result be to bring about the Ministry's downfall, and our power is at an end. They would play up to our weakness. We should become as tame as the groups of Liberal-Labour men were, and, like them, we should be ignored in legislation. . . .

Apart from the House of Lords and the Budget, what is to be the immediate policy of the Labour Party; its own programme as compared with the Liberal measures which it finds worthy of support? For my part . . . I hope they will make two items the chief concern of the group during the present session—the emancipation of women and the abolition of unemployment. . . . I am sometimes amazed to find comrades in the movement indifferent or lukewarm about the enfranchisement of women. Those who discuss it as a mere voting reform close their eyes to its wider and grander significance. It means the awakening of one-half the human race from the bondage of centuries. The "vote" is the symbol of freedom; the actuality which it symbolises is the necessary condition of advancement in moral and spiritual dignity. . . . The magnificent enthusiasm which Mrs. Pankhurst has

evoked in the hearts of the women of our nation must be victorious. It is not to be resisted; it will gain its end; it has revealed to the nation the hollowness of Liberalism, the baselessness of its claim to be progressive and freedom-loving, the empty shell of its former greatness. I call upon the Labour Party to espouse the cause of these fighting sisters of ours. Let us claim a share in their emancipation. . . . I hold this liberating of a sex to be the work of highest importance for Socialism at this time. While women are bound, Socialism would be but the aristocracy of a sex; the Socialist State no more a free community than Sparta with its helots.

—Extract from article by Mr. John Edwards in the "Labour Leader," February 11.

QUEEN'S HALL MEETING.

Those who contend that women are "selfish" in putting the cause of their enfranchisement before other reforms should have heard Mrs. Pethick Lawrence speaking on this point at the Queen's Hall last Monday. The Suffragist workers, she pointed out, were the trustees for the honour and well-being of the woman and even of the children of the country, and they could not betray this trust by letting their cause take a second place. She urged women to join in the political strike until they received the vote, and not to be blacklegs by working for political parties who denied them their rights.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst dealt with the attitude of the Labour Party Conference towards Miss Bondfield's Suffrage motion, a report of which will be found above. She exposed the danger of confusing the women's reasonable demand with the question of adult suffrage. The Union was fighting the Government at by-elections, but if the Prime Minister showed that he was determined to reform the House of Commons by granting the enfranchisement of women, Suffragettes would leave him a clear field.

Miss Charlotte Marsh made her first public appearance in London after her release from Birmingham. She made a short speech dwelling on the cost that had to be paid in this struggle, which would make it so much more valuable to future women voters. The cost, paid, however, was one for which thanks were not required. It was the greatest joy to women, to be in prison, and to know that they were helping on the cause.

The fine speech delivered by Mr. John Massfield will be found on page 319.

AN IRISH JUDGE AND A SUFFRAGETTE.

Lord Chief Justice O'Brien, speaking at a meeting of the Conservative Women's Franchise Association in Dublin, told an anecdote of the militant Suffragists. He said he believed there were various classes all seeking to establish the suffrage for women. There were the constitutional Suffragists and the so-called militant Suffragists, and there were other associations. His Lordship did not belong to any, but they all interested him, and the great thing was for them all to pull together. He then detailed a humorous story of an incident that occurred a few days ago between himself and a young lady on the Waterloo road. She was, his Lordship at first thought, a very meek young lady, and he said to her in his suave manner, "Take care lest your drastic operations might not cause a revolt in the public mind against your movement." Her countenance changed. Her face hardened. She said, "Don't be affected." His Lordship replied, "I am not; simplicity is my great ambition." "You are affected," she added, "because while you are making suggestions to me you know well that our energetic action has brought this movement into the prominence it now holds." Then, growing sterner, said his Lordship, she said, "You knew Mr. Gladstone." In a meek spirit his Lordship replied, "I did; I knew him to be a great Liberal statesman and a man of spotless integrity." "Well," replied this lady, "what did this intrepid and refined gentleman say? He said," she remarked, with a look of triumph, "that it was the Clerkenwell explosion—the attempt to blow up Clerkenwell Prison—that brought the question of the disestablishment of the Church within the range of practical politics." "I felt inclined to change the topic," said his Lordship. "She waved her hand scornfully and remarked, 'You were not born to be a statesman. You are a mere judge.' I replied, 'Statesman or no statesman, mere judge or no judge, if you come before me, and if I find that you have committed a criminal offence, I will sentence you to imprisonment,' and she looked at me with indignation and said, 'Sentence as much as you like. I will go to gaol and bear my suffering for the sincerity of my convictions.'"

—Freeman's Journal.

The franchise has always been fought at the point of the sword, and gained by it when won and nobody (at all events in these countries) goes to war for a mere theory; therefore, it follows that present-day women are not making all this tremendous hubbub without formulating in their own minds very clear ideas of what uses they will make of the power which a right to vote may place in their hands.

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BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

Mrs. Grant and Mr. Fortescue.

In a handy little volume, entitled "For and Against," Lady Sybil Smith has gathered up the main arguments both for and against Woman Suffrage, and has set them out in conversational form. The persons between whom the conversation takes place are Mrs. Mary Grant, a widow-lady with grown-up children, who is a keen social worker and a Suffragist, and Mr. Robert Fortescue, a country gentleman and a member of the Anti-Women's Suffrage Society. Mr. Fortescue, who has just re-read "The Subjection of Women," undertakes to formulate the reasons why the Anti-Suffragists "consider it would constitute a national danger to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to women." Everyone knows what these reasons are—that men are men and women women, that women should be content to be legislated for by men, that they are mentally inferior, and so on. Mrs. Grant replies with telling quotations from the best authorities on the subject (including *VOTES FOR WOMEN*), and by the end of Part I. has brought her opponent to the point of saying: "Tell me how it will profit women to give them the vote?" Part II. is devoted to a list of arguments described by Mr. Fortescue as "formidable," and although he does not admit that he is convinced, the conversation closes with the admission that while believing Mrs. Grant to be deluded by her own consciousness of capacity and true womanliness as to the characteristics of the greater part of her sex, he admits that: "Were all women like you, men would not seek to deny them the vote." The book should be studied by all who wish to be up-to-date in their answers to opponents of Woman Suffrage. It is published by the Woman's Press, 4, Clements Inn, W.C., price 6d.

Woman Under the Law.

There are many people who are not clear as to the legal position of women, and who are inclined to bring forward evidence that woman's position under the law is in some respects privileged; but when the facts are examined carefully, it will be found that the privileges are of little value, and that the legal position of women even in the twentieth century is badly in want of reform.

A very clear article on this subject, by Mr. W. Lyon Bleas, appears in *The Englishwoman* for February. He points out that until 1882 a married woman had practically no legal rights at all; the husband owned her property and could collect her debts; he had an absolute right to the possession of her person and to the children; she lost her economic and her spiritual liberty. It is no wonder that he says:—

Marriage at its worst was little better than slavery; at its best it was subjection tempered by generosity.

It is marvellous that such a state of things should not have been remedied until 1882, but even that long-delayed reform—the Married Women's Property Act—was insufficient, and has had to be remedied by two other statutes. Still, by that Act the money earned by a wife is now her own, and she can sue and be sued as if she were a single woman. But, on the other hand, the wife is still in some matters, as a hundred and fifty years ago she was in all, entirely subjected to the authority and control of her husband, and if he does not always take advantage of his own power, it is only because in a progressive society the administration of laws is generally more liberal than their theory.

She is required by custom, if not by law, to render certain definite services to him. But neither law nor custom requires him to give her any definite reward. If she accumulates any savings out of the money which he gives her for the household expenses she is not entitled to retain it as some return for her skill in management, and he is entitled in the last resort to recover it from her by legal proceedings. The wife is, in fact, in no better position, and has no more extensive rights, than a woman who cohabits with him without marriage, except that he must not allow her to become chargeable to the parish.

The Legacy Laws, too, are very unfair in this country, as the husband has the right to will all his property away from his wife. "The State should recognise," says Mr. Bleas,

that the assistance which a wife renders to her husband is really part of his industrial equipment, without which he could neither work nor earn wages to the same extent. She should therefore be entitled to claim some definite proportion of the wages which he obtains by his work, and if he dies leaving any property, to claim some definite proportion of it as her reward. She has given up her own chance of earning money in order to help him to earn it, and it is only just and reasonable that she should not be left destitute when his earning power is cut off.

Even as regards the children whom she has brought into the world, the wife is in a deplorable position. Although she is now guardian of the children on her husband's death, together with the guardians he may appoint by will, he has, while living, the control of the upbringing and education of all the children, and can have them trained in a way utterly abhorrent to their mother. One very instructive case brought the dictum from the Vice-Chancellor that it was the duty of the wife to submit to the husband in the case of a difference of

opinion, and that the husband was "king and ruler in his own family."

This very interesting article also touches on the unjust bearing of the Divorce Laws. Reform is very badly needed, and the author shows the spirit of the women who fight for their rights when he says:—

It takes very little intelligence to recognise a grievance. Something more is required to induce the ordinary member of Parliament to take steps to remove it.

That "something more" in order to be effective requires to be in possession of a weapon; and the only possible weapon is the vote.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"The Golden Centipede." By Louise Gerard. London: Methuen and Co. 6s. net.

"Equal Suffrage." By Helen L. Sumner, Ph.D. London: Harper and Bros. 7s. 6d. net.

"The Englishwoman." February. London: Sidgwick and Jackson. 1s. net.

"The Stage Year Book." London: Carson and Comerford. 1s.

"Twentieth Century Magazine." Twentieth Century Magazine Co. 25 cents.

THE WOMAN'S PRESS,

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BOOKS.

On sale at The Woman's Press.

Awakening of Women, The. By Mrs. F. SWINEY 1/- net.

Ballads of Brave Women. By ALFRED H. MILES 1/- net.

British Free Women. By C. C. STOPES ... 2/6

Case for Women's Suffrage. By BROUGHAM VILLIERS ... (Paper covers) 1/- net.

Englishwoman's Year Book ... 2/6 net.

For and Against. By LADY SYBIL SMITH ... 6d.

How the Vote was Won. A Play. By CICELY HAMILTON and CHRISTOPHER ST. JOHN ... 3d.

Marriage as a Trade. By CICELY HAMILTON 6/- net.

"No Votes for Women." By LADY CONSTANCE LYTTON ... 3d. net.

Press Cuttings. By BERNARD SHAW ... 1/- net.

Record of Women's Suffrage. By HELEN BLACKBURN ... 6/-

Sphere of Man and Woman in the Constitution. By C. C. STOPES ... 6d. net.

Subjection of Women, The. By J. STUART MILL 6d. net.

Votes for Women (Text of the Play). By ELIZABETH ROBINS ... 1/- net.

Woman: Her Position To-day. By Miss CONSTANCE SMEDLEY ... 6d. net.

Woman and Economics. By Mrs. PERKINS GILMAN ... 6d. net.

Woman's Secret. By ELIZABETH ROBINS ... 6d. net.

Woman's Suffrage. By ARNOLD HARRIS MATHEW 1/- net.

PENNY PAMPHLETS.

Lady Geraldine's Speech: A Comedietta. By BEATRICE HARRADEN.

Militant Methods. By CHRISTABEL PANKHURST, LL.B.

Old Foggies and Old Boggies. By ISRAEL ZANGWILL.

Prison Faces. By ANNIE KENNEY.

The Earl of Lytton on Votes for Women.

The Emancipation of Women. By Rev. J. M. LLOYD THOMAS.

The Faith that is in us. By Mrs. PETHICK LAWRENCE.

The Importance of the Vote. By Mrs. PANKHURST.

The Meaning of the Woman's Movement. By Mrs. PETHICK LAWRENCE.

The "Physical Force" Fallacy. By LAURENCE HOUSMAN.

The Struggle for Political Liberty. By CHRYSTAL MACMILLAN, M.A., B.Sc.

The Trial of the Suffragette Leaders. Illustrated.

Votes for Men. By MARY GAWTHORPE.

The Constitutional Basis of Woman's Suffrage. By C. O. STOPES.

Woman's Franchise. By Mrs. WOLSTENHOLME ELMY.

Women's Vote and Men. By H. W. NEVINSON.

LEAFLETS.

W.S.P.U. Election Address. (The General Election, 1910.)

21. The Tactics of the Suffragettes. By Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

22. Why We Oppose the Liberal Government.

24. Some Questions Answered. By Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B.

27. Why Women Want the Vote.

33. What Conservative Prime Ministers Have Said.

34. What Liberal Statesmen Say About Militant Action.

42. Why I Went to Prison. By Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

43. The Opposition of the Liberal Government to Woman Suffrage. By F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

44. The Signs of the Times. What Prison Means. By Elizabeth Robins.

45. Heckling Cabinet Ministers. By F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

48. The Militant Methods. By Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B.

49. The Earl of Lytton on the Militant Methods of the W.S.P.U.

50. A False Accusation.

55. What Woman Suffrage Means in New Zealand. By Lady Stout.

58. Mr. Asquith's "Pledge." By F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

61. Woman This and Woman That.

62. A Letter to Liberal Women. By Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

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First a word as to hats, in which there appears to be more unanimity of opinion. After the brief threat of the small and neat head-covering, the large picture hat reigns supreme with a greater girth than ever. The hat of the immediate future will be a wide spreading design in *tagel*, which lends itself so well to broad effects. The straw will be of dull art shades, and the broad brim will be turned up at the side. This gives a choice of positions to the wearer, enabling two distinct effects to be got from the same hat by changing side to half front or vice versa. This adaptability is emphasised by the placing of the trimmings—of shaded ribbons and large clusters of flowers—so that they can be brought either to the side or back.

For travelling something less decorative than these large hats will be offered us in draped *tagel* toques, the only adornment being a slight ornament blending with the colour of the straw. For the fine days of late spring and early summer the milliners are preparing hats of lace with wreaths of beautifully shaded roses placed inside the crown, their delicate tints peeping through the meshes of the lace. This is a pretty and novel idea, which should be very popular, although its vogue is not likely to last very long.

The changes in the form of tailor costumes are to be somewhat marked. Both coats and skirts will be short, the latter markedly so, the hem almost clearing the boots, the tops of which are to be in leathers to match the shade of the costume. Coats reach to just below the hips, and in some cases are even more abbreviated. A particularly attractive costume which I saw the other day had a tightly fitting Princess bodice, which suddenly developed into a skirt so deeply pleated as to give the effect of a lengthened kilt. The bodice itself was heavily braided—embroidery is to be more fashionable than ever. The material was a suiting in very dull green, the colour which is to be the mark of the highest fashion this year. One finds it employed as much in afternoon dresses as in those for the morning, soft minions of this shade having been produced in large quantities. Tailor-made coats will be most popular without collars and with the braiding carried to the neck edge. Where a collar is worn it is usually broad, of a different colour to the body of the costume, and with white lawn embroidery peeping from beneath.

Our afternoon gowns are to continue to cling, although much more material is used in them. The slight woman has had a long innings, but her reign is not yet over. A good hint of what will be the prevailing mode is furnished by a gown seen at one of the most fashionable of London modistes. The skirt of this was a beautiful rose-coloured satin, and over it hung mole-coloured ninon, edged round with embroidery in the same shade. This embroidery, beginning at the waist and gradually broadening from a mere thread, fell slightly to either side, almost to the feet in front, whence it was carried upward and round to the back of the dress, where it ended in a band of dull gold and oxidised silver thread. Between the opening of the embroideries in front a plain panel of the ninon was carried down and was draped a short distance from the hem, while to either side from beneath the band of embroidery the rose-coloured satin peeped out. The band of gold and oxidised silver was repeated at the waist. The bodice of ninon, tucked over satin, was embroidered at the neck, and had a yoke and collar of dull gold lace, this lace being also the material of the under sleeves.

For evening dresses we are to see a revival of some of the most beautiful silks of the middle of last century. These heavy materials, almost suggesting brocades with their patterning of flowers and of gold thread, are reproductions of those which were seen at their best in the 1861 Exhibition, but if anything the modern designs are even more wonderful than those upon which they are founded. These silks will be employed for the swathed bodices, the skirts being in ninon in plain colours. Here the whole effect is got from the broad swathing of the bodice, which is carried to below the hips.

The swathed effect is to be carried rather further in some evening dresses, for which Roman satins are employed, with overskirts of net, which are carried round to below the knees. Weight is given to the net by embroideries of chenille, bugles, jet, or silk, this additional weight serving to confine the somewhat full underskirt. Much the same materials can be utilised in a dress which hangs in simple Polonaise fashion, the heavy embroidery being placed below the knees, and giving that slightly pinched-in appearance which is so essential to the correct setting of such a gown. Transparent lace presents itself as an alternative to the net, the colour and material of the trimming in either case being regulated by that of the gown itself. In some cases the weighting may be a mixture of bugles and silk embroidery, such a combination giving scope for much artistic handling on the part of the dressmaker.

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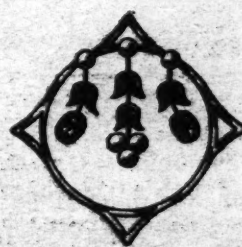
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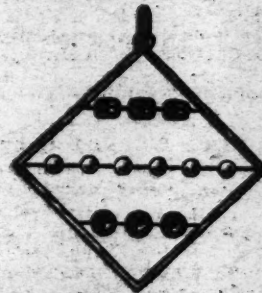
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THE WEAKNESS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Until Parliamentary business really begins again it is impossible to learn very much more about the position of affairs in the new Parliament than was told us by the figures of the election result. Only when the Government disclose their plan of campaign for the Session shall we know precisely with what situation we, as Suffragists, have to deal.

But during the past few days there have been new signs of the Government's insecurity. Liberal members

in the House of Commons being not more numerous than the Unionist members, it is argued in some quarters that the electors have not authorised the Government to take any extreme measures in regard to the House of Lords. Yet, if the Government do not attempt to deal in a drastic way with the Lords' Veto their speedy ejection from office seems assured. Their own immediate followers are threatening mutiny should there be any paltering with this issue. Mr. Redmond has delivered his ultimatum, and has declared that unless the Prime Minister has such guarantees as will enable him to pass into law this year a Bill dealing with the Lords' Veto, not only in respect to finance but in respect also to legislation, the Irish Party will not support the Government, but will, by voting against the Budget, bring about their defeat. The Labour Party, who regard the recent action of the House of Lords as being directed especially against them and as being designed to check the advance of Labour legislation, will expect the Government to pursue a thorough-going policy with regard to the power of the Upper House. So conscious are the Government themselves of the dangers which await them that Mr. Fuller, the Liberal Whip, has admitted that "difficulties have arisen which make it quite possible that the House of Commons will reject the Budget."

In all this the members of the Women's Social and Political Union see their opportunity, for the weakness of the Government makes the strength of those who are attempting to force from them a measure of political justice for women. The *Morning Post*, in discussing the situation, says: "The balance of power in Parliament may be turned by the smallest exertion of force by the tiniest group; just as a primitive rocking-stone, weighing a ton can be swayed by the slightest pressure," and proceeds to point out that the balance of one great party against the other may be tilted by such matters as a resolution at a Socialist conference or the struggle now proceeding in Ireland between Mr. O'Brien and the Redmondites.

And though the Press and politicians still omit to give open recognition to the fact, the balance can also be turned by the action of the Women's Social and Political Union.

Unless and until the Government concede the demand for the enfranchisement of women our weight will be thrown against them. In the late Parliament the opposition of this Union was less injurious to the Government than it is destined henceforward to be, for such was then the size of their majority that they were able to withstand the effect of numerous by-election defeats. But under the changed conditions brought about by the General Election the policy of opposing the Government at by-elections will be an all-powerful weapon in our hands, since the loss of a seat now means to the Government not only a material reduction in their forces in the House of Commons, but also a most serious blow to their already small prestige. Accordingly, we are in high hope that, should the next General Election be at all delayed, we shall before it occurs succeed in overcoming the Government's resistance to the enfranchisement of women. Even if, as the Liberal Whip apprehends may be the case, the Budget is defeated and an early General Election takes place, we are still confident of early success. For it becomes increasingly probable that the day of large majorities and stable Ministries is gone for ever, and this gives into the hands of the advocates of Woman Suffrage the power to compel attention to their claim from any Government, no matter what its political complexion.

Thus, if the Suffragists of the country, both men and women, are united in action and loyal to their cause, they can readily succeed in turning the balance against a Government which refuses to grant the Parliamentary Franchise to women.

Christabel Pankhurst.

W.S.P.U. MEMBERS' PLEDGE CARD.

Women of all shades of political opinion who are not as yet definitely enrolled as members of the Women's Social and Political Union are invited to sign the members' pledge card, which they can obtain from the offices, 4, Clements Inn, and apply for membership. The pledge is as follows:—

"I endorse the objects and methods of the Women's Social and Political Union, and I hereby undertake not to support the candidate of any political party at Parliamentary elections until women have obtained the Parliamentary vote."

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SHALL MARRIED WOMEN TEACH?

By Mary E. Gawthorpe.

"To secure for Women the Parliamentary Vote as it is or may be granted to Men; to use the power thus obtained to establish equality of rights and opportunities between the sexes, and to promote the social and industrial well-being of the community."

The "objects" of the Women's Social and Political Union will be familiar to all; and all who have signed the membership card endorse the general principles underlying these objects, viz., that women's qualifications, whether they be for votes, for profession, for trade, for rights and opportunities of any kind, shall no longer be regarded as women's qualifications only. That is to say, just as we endeavour to bring home to our hearers our belief that sex should have nothing to do with the right to vote when a woman has fulfilled the qualifications required of the man voter, so in all other departments of social, industrial, and professional activity, sex should be neither a qualification nor a disqualification. Moreover, as we stand for the position that marriage should be neither a qualification nor a disqualification for the right to vote in the case of women as in the case of men, so also in industrial and social matters do we stand for the position that marriage *per se* should be neither a qualification nor a disqualification.

Efficiency—Not Sex.

When the Right Hon. John Burns, in the Coliseum, Leeds, towards the end of 1907, said he was in favour of the limitation of women's work, and especially of married women's work, the meaning and significance of these principles was brought home to many women for the first time. Since then the decision of a certain number of education authorities—including Warrington, Bradford, and Manchester, amongst others—that the employment of married women teachers in the elementary schools should be discouraged, or discontinued, or forbidden, has been responsible for much discussion and plenty of criticism on the part of both the members of the committee who uphold the employment of married women teachers, and also on the part of those who do not uphold the principle.

The question for Suffragists is: Upon what grounds are teachers, whether married or unmarried, men or women, appointed to work in the nation's schools, and how does the answer to this question fit in with the position taken up by those who would bar married women teachers from working any longer in those schools? Obviously teachers are employed, or should be employed, in the interests of those taught—of the children. If the children are to receive the fullest benefits of the schools in which they are being trained, the aim of education committees should be to provide the best teachers possible for the work. The teacher should possess all those qualifications of temperament, of character, of aptitude, summed up in the comprehensive word "efficiency." After the consideration of the child comes the consideration of the teacher as the person next affected by right conditions in school, and in the interests of the teaching community it is essential that the teacher should be properly qualified. The studies and examinations which teachers must go through before they are "fully fledged" may be taken as fulfilling the qualifications required. Education committees have the responsibility of administering the Acts of Parliament relating to education, and under the terms of these Acts have the right of deciding what teachers shall or shall not be appointed, and of terminating the engagements of unsatisfactory teachers.

It is because we believe that education committees have the right of dispensing with the services of teachers who have proved themselves unsatisfactory that we oppose their claim to lecture married women teachers, just because they are married, on those matters which do not come within the sphere of responsibility of an education committee. The decision of the Manchester Education Committee to uphold the resolution of the Elementary Sub-Committee has been the means of raising once more the whole of the unsafe position of the married woman worker. The resolution runs as follows:—

"(1) That from the present date the appointment of a woman teacher will terminate on marriage; (2) that in future no married woman other than widows be engaged by the Committee as teachers; (3) that no action be taken regarding married women teachers now in the employ of the Committee."

In considering this resolution it may be well again to point out our position with regard to women's labour generally. We demand that the work shall be regarded as work, not as women's work, nor as married women's work—just work. Already in practically every department of work women are penalised by sex, and, generally speaking, their wages are considerably less for the same work than men's. This is bad enough; but if, on top of the disability of sex, marriage is to prove an additional bar, we not only have direct interference with the liberty of the subject, but an insidious means of cheapening the whole of women's work in that department, since all women may possibly, in the future, be married women, and all are potential mothers.

Miss Ashton's Protest.

Councillor Margaret Ashton, in bringing this point of view before the Manchester Education Committee re-

cently, pointed out that their resolution was the outcome of the fact that in the elementary schools of the city twenty-eight married women were working in "provided" schools, and 120 married women were working in "non-provided" schools, there being, at the same time, fully qualified teachers without places in the schools. The desire of the Committee was to establish a connection between these married women teachers and the unemployed unmarried teachers. Such connection was arbitrary and artificial, as nothing was said in the resolution about the inefficiency or lack of qualification of these married women teachers. Councillor Ashton, therefore, moved an amendment to the resolution, and this was seconded by Councillor Hibbert. For the opposition, Councillor Grierson presented two arguments for consideration, each equally fallacious. He pointed out that there were at present many unemployed teachers, particularly women teachers. He said, further, that no woman was justified in getting married "unless her husband could keep her." Very little consideration of the first argument is needed to bring home the fact that, with regard to no other body of Corporation employees (and teachers are hardly this) would such an argument be used. An education committee is not a philanthropic agency, but, as we have said, a committee for the appointment of the best and most capable teachers that can be got for the work. The second argument was even more trenchantly stated by the Rev. Mr. Taylor, a co-opted member of the Education Committee, who said that the duty of a man was to keep his wife, and also that a woman's place was in the home and not in the school. This view was supported by Miss Mary Dendy and Miss Burstall (who, by the way, happen to be co-opted members, and are not, therefore, responsible to the electors.) Sir Thomas Shann pointed out that, of course, the terms of the resolution would not apply to widows. Later, at the discussion in the City Council, the latter gentleman added to his previous view his opinion that women should "stop at home."

"The Hand that Rocks . . ."

What, then, is the exact value of the "home and mother" argument, as put forward by these four or five members of the Manchester Education Committee? For we may take it that their views are pretty much the same as those of other opponents of the married woman teacher on other education committees up and down the country. The third clause of the resolution provides a plain and conclusive answer. The married women teachers already appointed are not to be interfered with. This means, first, that their work must be efficient in the fullest sense of the word, or they would, no doubt, be requested to resign at once; second, that the home life of these teachers is not a matter with which the Education Committee is concerning itself.

Quite an interesting point in relation to the appointment of a good many of these married women teachers, and also of the irrelevance of the home argument when it suits education committees to ignore it, was raised by Miss Mary Dendy in the *Manchester Guardian*, when, in defending the position she had taken up, she pointed out that the rule of excluding married women teachers was not a new one, and that it remained in force until 1902, "when it was upset by the taking over of the voluntary schools." Exactly so. Here we have the root of the whole matter. When, under the terms of the Education Act of 1902, the management of "provided" and "non-provided" schools was taken under the management of the common authority of the City Council, a tremendous arrangement and rearrangement of staffs went on, and many new appointments were made. Such was the demand that, in order to cope with it, not only were married women teachers implored to come into the schools and assist in the work (thus, surely, having to leave their home and its responsibilities, in one aspect, behind them), but also proposals were made for the raising of a large body of qualified teachers for future years. The bursary scheme for the education of those desiring to be teachers was the outcome of this. And now, with the best intentions in the world, no doubt, vigorous education committees, such as are to be found in our large boroughs, find themselves with more teachers than they require, according to the present basis of staffing in elementary schools. This point should be made quite clear, because although there is a seeming surplus of teachers in the teaching market, it is not a genuine surplus. If the elementary school classes were reduced to more reasonable proportions, and more in accordance with the size of classes in schools of higher grade, there is work enough for every qualified teacher in the land.

A vigorous discussion in the columns of the *Manchester Guardian* brought this and other valuable and interesting considerations to public view, and on Wednesday, February 2, the City Council of Manchester met to uphold or refer back the resolution of the Education Committee. At the commencement of the debate the Lord Mayor announced that he had received a signed protest from men and women workers in Manchester; but in spite of the terms of this letter, and in spite of

the efforts of councillors who detected that neither economic nor "home" argument was justification for a ban on married women teachers, the discussion for the opposition turned mainly on the duties and responsibilities of women in the married state! Considering the usual "fogginess" of the argument when the position of women crops up for discussion, the vote of thirty-six councillors for the amendment to sixty-five for the resolution was an excellent one.

What the Decision Means.

Although the Manchester Education Committee has not taken up the extreme position of giving notice to the married women teachers, as was the case last year in Warrington, in consequence of which Mrs. Stansfield and Mrs. Grounds made such an excellent stand by taking their cases to the Law Courts, further appointments of married women teachers in Manchester cannot be made so long as the resolution holds good. That is, in effect, what the decision amounts to. Where is such artificial limitation to stop? That depends on the quickness with which unmarried teachers, whether men or women, rise to a knowledge of the dangers threatening their whole professional status, so long as tests other than efficiency and qualification are required. The ban on married women teachers means a corresponding reduction in the value of all women teachers, and as in the elementary schools the number of women teachers far exceeds that of men teachers, that again will operate against the value of the men. Purely professional considerations, such as are involved in a consideration of the teachers' pensions question (certificated teachers, whether men or women, are compelled by law to subscribe to this, the money being taken from their salary before it is handed to them), have been left out of the present general statement of principles; but it behoves women teachers who are not only fully qualified, but who are members of the National Union of Teachers, to see to it without delay that in their profession, as in the political world, they are demanding rights "on the same terms as they are or may be granted to men." A resolution of the same reactionary type as the foregoing was defeated in London last year by the determined and combined effort of the London teachers, married and unmarried, men and women. Regarding the present example, the President of the Manchester Branch of the N.U.T. is reported as having suggested that the Education Department be asked to lay down a decision with regard to the married woman teacher. That will not do. On particular grounds the married woman teacher is entitled to the backing and support of the Union to which she belongs, and on the same terms as other teachers. On general grounds women have announced to Governments more than once recently that they are no longer "consenting" in the matter of their government until they can take a share in that government. Imagine the fuss which would be made if any Government dared suggest, let us say, that in the interest of the married men teachers they would recommend that no more unmarried men be appointed to headships! What an outcry there would be against a condition of affairs which would oblige a man to marry before he could get promotion! How quickly would the combined aid of Union and Parliament be requisitioned! What a case for "coercion"!

The case for the married woman teacher (and all women teachers, let us emphasise) is just as important. Restrictions on married women's labour are tantamount to the threat, "Marry—if you dare!" Women teachers must arm themselves at once for the defence of their professional opportunities by a careful study of all these considerations. They can use their Union machinery now; and if they see, as we trust they may, the connection between the easy management of this machinery and the possession of some measure of Parliamentary power—so much the better.

THE SOUL OF WOMAN.

In the Past the Soul of Woman
Slept in the quiet dark,
Never seeing the light of sunshine,
Never hearing the song of the lark,
But content to live imprisoned,
Never yearning to be free,
Never caring to wake and struggle
For her glorious Liberty.

In the Present the Soul of Woman
Has awakened from her sleep,
And is mounting up to Freedom,
Though the way be long and steep;
And is working and suffering greatly,
And is fighting for Liberty,
And is longing and dreaming and hoping
For the days that are yet to be.

In the Future the Soul of Woman
Shall be glorified and strong,
And shall go through life rejoicing,
With a smile and with a song.
Because she went so nobly
Through trouble and through fire,
In the longed-for, dreamed-of Future
She shall know her heart's desire.

L. M.

THE CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRY.

The phenomenal growth of the work of the Union during the last few months has necessitated extension of the organisation in many directions, and now centres are being opened in the North-western Counties, the Midlands, the Eastern and North-eastern Counties, and in the Home Counties. Miss Margaret Hewitt is organising a campaign at Preston (Lancashire); Miss Laura Ainsworth in Bolton and Bury. Miss Dora Marsden, already working at Southport, is including Blackburn in her campaign. In Suffolk Miss Grace Roe will make her headquarters at Ipswich, and the campaign has the promise of the help of the Rev. Dr. Cobb; Miss Adela Pankhurst is at Sheffield, Miss Eliza Gye is in Derby, Miss Margesson is in charge of Reading, while new ground is being broken by Miss Macaulay in Thanet and Canterbury. In view of this tremendous extension of the work, a hearty invitation is given to all readers living in the districts mentioned, or having friends there, to put themselves in touch with the various organisers. Never was their help more needed, and never was the work more encouraging. From the reports which follow will be gathered some idea of the increasing interest which is being roused all over the country in the women's demand.

Home Counties.

BRIGHTON AND DISTRICT.

Office—3, North Street, Quadrant.
Organiser—Mrs. Clarke.

Members here are greatly looking forward to the weekly meetings in Fortar's Restaurant, Western Road; it is hoped that each member may bring at least one friend to these meetings. On Tuesday, March 1, Miss Helen Ogston will be the speaker (3.30 to 5.30), and on Friday, March 4 (7 to 9.30), members will have the pleasure of welcoming Miss Georgina Brackenbury. There will also be meetings on Fridays, March 11 and 18, from 7 to 9.30; the names of speakers will be announced later. Miss Johnson and Miss Proctor did excellent work last week in selling **VOTES FOR WOMEN** outside the Alhambra during the performance, under the patronage of the King, in aid of the Queen Victoria Nurses by Mrs. Willie James. Weather permitting, meetings will be held daily on the Front at 3.30.

CANTERBURY AND THANET.

Organiser—Miss F. E. Macaulay, care of Mrs. Stoll, Ischl, Galle Court Road, Broadstairs.

This, though one of the most recently formed centres, is second to none in venerable traditions and historic interest. The scene of the coming W.S.P.U. campaign is identical with that of the great missionary 1513 years ago, and St. Augustine, it should be remembered, received much help and encouragement from a woman, Queen Bertha. The reign of another Kentish woman, Queen Elizabeth, has been called the "Paradise of Women"; and, remembering the rights enjoyed by their ancestors (when sex disqualification for the franchise was unknown to our Constitution), the Kentish women of to-day will not allow themselves to lose the approaching opportunity of sharing in the struggle to regain the glorious privileges of past days. The Organiser will be very glad to receive offers of help from members and sympathisers as soon as possible for the coming campaign to prepare for Mrs. Pankhurst's promised visit in the spring. There is a great deal of work of all kinds to be done, and everyone can find something suited to her tastes and capacity.

RAYLEIGH.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren, of the White Cottage, are arranging the following meeting:—
Tuesday, 22nd.—Council Schools, Love Lane, Mrs. Warren, 8 p.m.

READING.

Organiser—Miss Margesson, 7, Lorne Street.
Will residents in the town who are in sympathy with the movement communicate with the organiser without delay?

WEYBRIDGE.

Hon. Sec., Miss Wallace Dunlop, Greenbank, Walton-on-Thames.
A public meeting was addressed by Miss Christabel Pankhurst on Wednesday, and those whose interest has been aroused by the recent special campaign are invited to write to Miss Pankhurst at 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—33, Paradise Street.
Organiser—Miss Dorothy Evans.

The Women's Mission has been fixed for the early days of April, and Mrs. Pankhurst will address meetings on the 5th, 6th, and 7th in the Midland Institute Hall. Mrs. Pankhurst explained the scope of the Mission last week at a meeting at the Queen's College; on the following day she also addressed a very interested audience at Barnet Green. During the Mission afternoon meetings for women only at three o'clock and open meetings at 8 p.m. will be held.
Friday, 18th.—Ball Ring, Shalford Place, Open-Air Meeting, 7 p.m.
Monday, 21st.—Barton's Arms, Open-Air Meeting, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, 22nd.—At Home, Rev. E. W. Lammie, 3.30 and 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 23rd.—Sally, Alum Rock Road, Open-Air Meeting, 7 p.m.
Thursday, 24th.—Plough and Harrow Road, Edgbaston, Open-Air Meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday, 25th.—Temperance Hall, Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Dr. Helena Jones, 8 p.m.

COVENTRY.

Coventry members are preparing to hold a Mission in the latter part of April.

DERBY.

Organiser—Miss Eliza Gye, 15, Curzon Street.
In preparation for Mrs. Pankhurst's Drill Hall meeting on April 18 (8 p.m.), Derby is being mapped out into wards, in each of

which a short campaign, terminating in an indoor meeting, will be held. It is hoped by this means to cover the whole of Derby. The initial meeting will be held next Monday (21st).

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT.

Office—17, Highfield Street.
Organiser—Miss D. Potholke.

The event of this week is Mrs. Pankhurst's visit and the two At Homes which she will address to-day (Friday). Mrs. Pankhurst will explain her plan of campaign for the Women's Mission, which it is hoped will have the co-operation of all members and friends. The "Mock Trial" on Monday, February 21, promises to be a great success. Ald. Thos. Smith has kindly consented to be judge, and Mr. R. Roseby is collecting a jury of six ladies and six gentlemen, all unbiassed as far as possible. Admission will be at the door, 6d. and 3d.

The first speakers' class held on Thursday, February 10, was a great success, and the three new speakers, Miss West (in the chair), Miss Hughes, who spoke of the history of the constitutional movement, and Miss Wyatt, who dealt with the militant movement, gave great promise for the future.
Friday, 18th.—At Home, Mrs. Pankhurst, afternoon and evening.
Monday, 21st.—"Mock Trial," Association Hall, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, March 8th.—Association Hall (women only), Mrs. Pankhurst, 4.30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 9th.—Association Hall (women only), Mrs. Pankhurst, 4.30 p.m.
Thursday, March 10th.—Association Hall (women only), Mrs. Pankhurst, 4.30 p.m.
Friday, March 11th.—Temperance Hall, Mrs. Pankhurst, 8 p.m.

NORTHAMPTON AND DISTRICT.

W.S.P.U. Organiser—Miss Corson, 10, Holly Road.
In preparation for the Women's Mission, which it is hoped to hold in April, volunteers are invited to help in a preliminary canvass. A series of meetings will be held, and Mrs. Pankhurst will speak. The weekly meetings begin again next Tuesday in the Y.M.C.A., when Miss Joachim will give an address. Splendid work has been done by Miss Ashford in canvassing with **VOTES FOR WOMEN**. Next week meetings will be held in Towcester, and Mrs. Weller is organising a meeting at Pottery, at which Miss Brackenbury will speak.
Tuesday, 22nd.—Weekly Meeting, Y.M.C.A. Hall, Miss Brackenbury, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, 23rd.—School Room, Pottery, Miss Brackenbury, Miss Corson, 8 p.m.
Thursday, 24th.—Towcester, Miss Brackenbury, Miss Corson, 8 p.m., and Miss M. Brackenbury, Mrs. Weller, 8 p.m.

NOTTINGHAM.

Office—4, Carlton Street.

Organisers—Miss Crocker and Miss Roberts.
Vigorous preparations are being made for the three days' Mission to Women which Mrs. Pankhurst will hold on March 21, 22, and 23, at East Circus Street Hall. Further particulars will be announced next week.
Thursday, 24th.—At Home, Room 75, Mechanics' Institute, Mrs. Pankhurst, 8 p.m.

West of England.

BRISTOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton.
Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

All efforts are being concentrated on the Colston Hall meeting on March 2, when Miss Christabel Pankhurst will be the speaker, and tickets are on sale at the office. When this is over the Women's Mission will begin, and a campaign will be carried out in North, South, East, and West Bristol. On Monday, the 14th, Mrs. Pankhurst addressed an enthusiastic audience, and roused great interest in this special movement. All who were present greatly enjoyed Lady Isabel Margesson's stirring address on Monday of last week at the Victoria Rooms, and again on the following day at a drawing-room meeting kindly given by Mrs. Rogers and Miss Cridland. On Wednesday a meeting for women was held in Mr. Birrell's constituency. Miss Mary Allen has returned, and is taking over the sale of **VOTES FOR WOMEN**. She will welcome helpers in advertising and selling at pitches. Will volunteers communicate with her at the office? There is work for all, especially in connection with the Mission. Over £20 was sent to the Treasurer last week.
Monday, 21st.—At Home, Victoria Rooms, Miss Jordan, 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 22nd.—Drawing-room Meeting, Miss Motlan, Mrs. Dove-Willcox, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, 23rd.—Meeting for Women only, St. George (East Bristol), Miss Jordan, 1.30 p.m.
Monday, 28th.—At Home, Victoria Rooms, 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 2nd.—Colston Hall, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, 8 p.m.
Monday, March 7th.—At Home, Victoria Rooms, Mrs. Dove-Willcox, 3.30 p.m.
Monday, 14th.—At Home, Victoria Rooms, Mrs. Dove-Willcox, 3.30 p.m.

BATH.

Meetings commence to-night at 8 o'clock in the small Guildhall.
Friday, 18th.—Guildhall, Miss Annie Kenney, Miss Douglas Smith, 8.

SWIMPTON.

Organiser—Miss Rachel Barrett.

Office—21, Clarence Place.

A report of the special W.S.P.U. campaign during the Labour Conference will be found on p. 321.
Friday, 18th.—Cardiff Road, Miss Barrett, 7.30; Bridge Street, Mrs. Leigh, 7.30.

SOUTHAMPTON.

Hon. Organiser—Miss K. E. Stenning, 21, Danell Avenue.
Will all interested in the movement communicate with the hon. organiser?

North-Eastern Counties.

BRADFORD.

Office—21, Manningham Lane.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips.

Plans for the Women's Mission are now well matured and members are setting to work with

a will, determined to do their part towards making it successful, and showing their appreciation of Mrs. Pankhurst's three days' visit on March 14, 15, and 16. Eight schoolrooms in different parts of the town have been taken for preliminary women's meetings, and various members are undertaking to give or collect the rent (averaging 5s.) of one or more of these, and also to be responsible for organising the meetings. Four are still unappropriated, and much additional help is still needed in all the districts. Volunteers are asked to communicate with the organiser at the office.

A special feature is being made of the 1d. tickets for Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, and members are asked to sell or distribute as many as possible amongst working women.

Wednesday, 23rd.—Barkstead Boys' School, Mrs. Beldon, Miss Mary Phillips, 7.30 p.m.
Thursday, 24th.—Bradford Moor Boys' School, Miss Mary Phillips, Miss Newton, 7.30 p.m.
Monday, March 14th.—Central Baths Hall, Great Women's Demonstration, Mrs. Pankhurst, 8 p.m.

LEEDS.

Office—114, Alhion Street.

Since December 4 a shop has been open for the sale of literature and goods. It is in a central business quarter of the city, and though quite a small one, has unusually large window space for exhibition purposes. Daintily decorated in the colours by Miss Sedman, it is a source of continual attraction to passers-by, who take great interest in its literary contents and in the cartoons drawn by Miss Doyle. Miss Sedman, who opened the shop, is in charge till the end of March. The rent and the bills for electric lighting are paid by members' subscriptions, and it is hoped that the shop will be retained for another six months in charge of other members.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—71, Blackett Street.
Organiser—Miss A. Williams, 203, Westgate Road.
The cessation of militant tactics has caused the man in the street to ask many questions; and his attitude is one of relief on hearing that the women have not "given in," but are only giving the Government a chance.

The Women's Mission is arousing great interest, and women's meetings are being arranged in the following places:—South Shields, Jarrow, Monkseaton, Tyne-mouth, Whitley, North Shields, Gateshead, and Wylam. Later on the organiser hopes to go to Durham, Hexham, and Berwick. Will any members living at a distance, who are able to get up drawing-room and cottage meetings, kindly communicate with the organiser, who would arrange to go herself or send a speaker. The splendid new shop and committee room at 77, Blackett Street will soon be ready for occupation. Members will receive a notice of the opening meeting. The furnishing fund is still open, and a hundred chairs will be a heavy item of expense, but "many a mickle makes a muckle." Mrs. Taylor has given a splendid roll-top writing-desk.

With milder weather and lengthening days, **VOTES FOR WOMEN** selling in the streets will be taken up with fresh enthusiasm. Miss Norah Brown and Miss Maggie Smith are two of the most successful sellers; while Miss Cissie Wilcox sells a hundred copies every week.
Wednesday, 23rd.—At Home, Crosby's Café or 77, Blackett Street, 7.30 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst, 112, Whitham Road.

Arrangements for the Women's Mission were made at the first members' meeting, held last Monday in the Nether Chapel. Miss Pankhurst will be glad if all interested will communicate with her at the above address.

SCARBOROUGH.

Hon. Sec., Miss Sefton, 23, Barwick Street.

A local group has been formed, with Miss Sefton as secretary. A weekly meeting on Mondays will be held until further notice at Park Lodge, Falconer's Road, at 8 p.m., and a monthly public At Home will be organised. Miss Sefton also has in hand the organisation of a staff in the Market Place every Saturday evening, and special efforts will be devoted to educating the North-West Ward.

YORK.

Hon. Sec., Miss Coulton, 25, Southporo Road.

A local group of women has undertaken to organise a woman's meeting on March 2. All interested are invited to write to Miss Coulton at above.

North-Western Counties.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Central Office—105, Oxford Road, Manchester.
Organisers—Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Rosa Robinson.

The Manchester members are delighted that a truce has been declared, and trust that the Government will make it unnecessary for militant action to be taken up again. They have realised that by non-militant work alone they will be as prominent as they have been hitherto with both militant and non-militant. Work in preparation for the Women's Mission is in full swing, and members are asked to secure halls in suitable districts, free if possible, and to help in this very strenuous work. Between one and two dozen meetings have to be arranged, and the organisers call upon every member to do her full share. Will all who can spare half-an-hour apply to Miss

Robinson at the office? Further, if members can now arrange private At Homes the organisers will be delighted to send speakers.

To-night, at the At Home in the Onward Hall, Mr. Laurence Housman will speak on "The Relation of Political to Physical Force." Tickets are 6d. and 1s. Next Friday (February 25) it is hoped to have Lady Isabel Margesson.

The dance is arranged to take place in the Chorlton-on-Medlock Town Hall on Friday, March 11, 8 to 2 a.m. Tickets (lady or gentleman), 5s. each. Members who require circulars should apply to Miss Hebe Smith at the office. All the officials will be women, and it is hoped that a women's band may be secured.

At a very successful At Home in the Onward Buildings last Friday a hearty invitation was given to women doctors to join the ranks of the Women's Social and Political Union. In a stirring letter Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy called upon the young women to carry on the work to which she had devoted her life.

Friday, 18th.—At Home, Onward Hall, Deansgate, Mr. Laurence Housman, Miss Mary Gawthorpe (chair), Miss Rosa Robinson, 8 p.m.

Saturday, 19th.—Votes Corps.

Sunday, 20th.—Salford Social Democratic Party, Miss Lillian Williamson.

Monday, 21st.—Hulme, St. Michael's School, Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Allison Looms, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 22nd.—Warrington Parliamentary Debating Society, Miss Mary Gawthorpe, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 23rd.—Farnworth, Park View, Lady Isabel Margesson, 7.30 p.m.

Friday, 25th.—At Home, Onward Buildings, Deansgate, Lady Isabel Margesson, Miss Rosa Robinson, 8 p.m.

Saturday, 26th.—Votes Corps.

Friday, March 11th.—Dance, Chorlton Town Hall, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

LIVERPOOL.

Office—22, Berry Street.

Organiser—Miss S. Ada Flatman.

Great interest is shown in the Women's Mission, which will begin next Tuesday, 22nd, when Lady Isabel Margesson will speak at 48, Mount Pleasant. Will members chalk this and make it known in other ways? The Mission calls for every woman who is anxious to see the political disabilities of women removed. Will all who can spare even half an hour call at the Office or write to Miss Flatman? There is work for all, and volunteers will find plenty to do!

Monday, 21st.—Public Offices, Huyton, Lady Isabel Margesson, Miss Flatman. Chair: Mrs. Avery, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 22nd.—48, Mount Pleasant, Lady Isabel Margesson, Miss Flatman, 8 p.m.

BOLTON AND BURY.

Organiser—Miss Laura Ainsworth, 1, Myrtle Street, Bolton.

In addition to the meeting announced below, Mrs. Almond, of Farnworth, has kindly lent her drawing-room for a meeting on Wednesday evening, February 23, at which Lady Isabel Margesson will again speak. A large meeting in Bolton will be announced shortly. Miss Martin and Miss Rogers have done excellent propaganda work by means of small meetings, one of which last week was addressed by Miss Laura Ainsworth. Miss Ainsworth will be very pleased to know of any friends or sympathisers living in or near Bolton and Bury. Will members of the W.S.P.U. who have friends in this part of Lancashire write to the organiser at the above address? Some interesting information of drawing-room meetings, etc., will be given later.
Wednesday, 23rd.—Spinner's Hall, At Home, Lady Isabel Margesson, 3.30 p.m.

PRESTON.

Organiser—Miss Margaret Hewitt, 21, Glover's Court.

The arrangements for the Women's Mission were finally settled at a meeting last week. It will commence with a meeting on Monday, the 21st (see below), when the subject will be "The Legal Position of Women." It is hoped that this meeting, which is in charge of Mrs. Rigby, will be a great success. Attention is also drawn to the At Home on February 24, when the subject will be "Woman Suffrage in Other Lands." Invitations will be sent on application to the organiser at above. The meeting on Thursday, the 24th, is specially organised to cover the Penworth and Fishergate Hill districts. The subject will be "Votes for Women and its Relation to the Home." The meeting is in charge of Mrs. Leach and Miss Alderman. With these meetings and At Homes it is hoped to start a vigorous campaign. It is intended later to hold meetings in Leyland and Deepdale, and to extend to Chorley, Lytham, and the neighbourhood. In addition to all these fixtures, house-to-house visiting is being carried out, and much good fruit is looked for as the result of systematic visits to the women. Volunteers are needed for this, and those with leisure are invited to communicate with Miss Hewitt at above, or with Mrs. Rigby or Miss Alderman. It is important that all should take their fair share in the work, in order that the arrangements may be satisfactorily carried out. There will be a members' meeting on Tuesday at 8 p.m., when Miss Hewitt hopes to have the pleasure of seeing all the members. Special efforts are invited in increasing the sales of **VOTES FOR WOMEN**.

Monday, 21st.—Ashdon, St. Andrew's Schools, Miss M. Gawthorpe, Miss M. Hewitt, 8 p.m.
Thursday, 24th.—Goldsboro Assembly Rooms, At Home, Lady Isabel Margesson, Miss M. Gawthorpe, Miss Hewitt, 3.30 p.m.; St. Stephen's Schools, Fishergate Hill, Lady Isabel Margesson, Miss Gawthorpe, Miss Hewitt, 8 p.m.

SOUTHPORT.

Office—24, Norfolk Street.

Organiser—Miss Dora Marsden.

Arrangements in connection with the Women's Mission are now definitely fixed. In

THE CAMPAIGN IN THE METROPOLIS.

General Offices: W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

In London the Woman's Mission is occupying the attention of workers almost exclusively. An important part of the work is the canvassing of women on the municipal register; in addition, a very large number of meetings are being held, for particulars of which readers are referred to the Programme, p. 328. Will those friends of the movement who have as yet taken no active part come forward and take their share in this propaganda work? There is room for volunteers in all the centres, reports from which follow.

Members are again reminded of the two free weekly meetings in London at Queen's Hall and St. James's Hall on Monday afternoons and Thursday evenings respectively, to which they are asked to bring friends. Next Monday (21st) will be a meeting of special interest, as the King's Speech will have been read on that day, and the W.S.P.U. will no doubt be in a position to give a pronouncement on the subject. For speakers see Announcements, page 320.

A special opportunity occurs on Monday and Tuesday for selling VOTES FOR WOMEN in Parliament Square. Will volunteers communicate with Miss Ainsworth, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C., or come to Clements Inn at 12 o'clock for supplies? Two additional captains are wanted for new pitches at Hyde Park Corner and the Elephant and Castle.

Women are invited to take part in the weekly poster parade to advertise VOTES FOR WOMEN, which takes place to-day (Friday) at 11 a.m. They should be at the General Offices at about 10.45, ready to take part.

There is still room for members wishing to act as stewards at the great Albert Hall meeting on March 18. Members only are eligible, and they must be at the Hall at 6 p.m. They should communicate with Miss Hambling, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Among the engagements of the W.S.P.U. Drum and Fife Band are the parade at Fulham to-day (Friday), at Brixton to-morrow (Saturday), at Lewisham on Tuesday, and at Kensington on the following Saturday (26th), the object being to advertise public meetings in connection with the Woman's Mission.

BATTERSEA.

Joint Hon. Secs., Miss Hudson, 30, Albert Palace Mansions, Battersea Park; Miss Dutton, 38, Albert Bridge Road, Battersea.

The Battersea Parliamentary Division is to be worked in wards. An overseer has been placed in each ward, who will keep a book containing full information respecting the districts in her charge. Thus, when the next election comes it will find the local workers thoroughly prepared. Attention is drawn to the meeting next Thursday (see Programme, page 328).

BRIXTON.

Office: 215, Stockwell Road. Tel.: 907 Brixton. Organiser, Miss Helen Craggs.

An appeal in last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN for contributions towards the rent of the office during the Woman's Mission, and the mention of the Shilling Fund which has been opened, has brought in already a number of subscriptions. The following are very gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Pullen, £2 2s.; Miss Streetfield, £1 1s.; Miss Richardson, 10s.; Mrs. Prosser, 6s.; Miss A. W. Wilson, 3s.; Miss C. B. Hall, 2s. 3d.; Anon., 2s.; Mrs. Bowker, 1s.; Miss Annie Bell, 1s.; Miss Craggs, 1s.; Miss Roe, 1s.; Miss L. Tyson, 1s.; Miss Annie Ainsworth, 1s.; Miss Dines, 1s.; Miss Tyson, 1s.; Mrs. Ball, 1s.; Miss A. Thompson, 1s.; Miss V. Thompson, 1s.; Mrs. Tyson, 1s.; Mrs. Parrett, 1s.; Mrs. Bartels, 1s.; Miss McArthur, 1s.; Mrs. Robertson, 1s.; Miss J. Seale, 1s.; Miss M. Seale, 1s.; Mrs. Talbot, 1s.; the Misses Bartels, 1s.; Miss Cooper, 1s.; Miss A. W. Russell, 1s.; Miss F. M. Russell, 1s.; extra for VOTES FOR WOMEN, 2s.; Mrs. Porteous, 1s.; Mrs. Havers, 1s.; extra ticket money, 6d. It is hoped that all members and sympathisers, especially those living in Brixton, Streatham, and Norwood, will add more shillings to the Fund this week.

A number of most successful open-air meetings have been held, and Miss Leonora Tyson has addressed several shopping meetings, when it has been quite noticeable with what interest the women have listened. Splendid work has already been done by the canvassers, whose names are too numerous to mention, and all report great interest among women. The Poster Parades advertising the women's meetings have proved so successful that it is intended to hold them again on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (23rd, 24th, and 25th), at 12 noon and 3 p.m. each day, announcing Miss Pankhurst's meeting. Volunteers will be gladly welcomed to-morrow (Saturday), when the Drum and Fife Band, starting from Brixton Station, will advertise Miss Christabel Pankhurst's meeting on Friday, 25th (see Programme, p. 328). Will all those willing to sell VOTES FOR WOMEN and tickets, communicate with the Organiser at once. Help of every kind is needed during the next few days to ensure the success of this meeting, and all who have even a short time to spare will find plenty of work at the Committee Rooms.

CAMBERWELL.

Organiser, Miss Theresa Garnett, c/o Mrs. Hafford, 54, Barry Road.

Hon. Sec., Miss Dawson, Red House, Newlands Peckham Rye.

With the help of the local W.S.P.U., Miss Garnett is carrying out an active campaign in Camberwell and Dulwich.

Arrangements for Miss Pankhurst's meeting on March 9 (see Programme, p. 328) are well in hand, and tickets—2s. 6d., reserved and numbered, 1s., and balcony (for women only) 6d.—should be obtained from Mrs. Hefford, at the above address; Miss Dawson, 5, Walland Road, Newlands; Miss Beard, Holfuh, Canonbie Road, Honor Oak; Mrs. Sabine, 36, Waverley Avenue, Peckham Rye; and at all the local W.S.P.U. meetings. A special feature of the campaign will be a canvass of women householders. Open-air meetings are being held every evening, and several drawing-room meetings are being arranged. The first will be given by Mrs. Drake, 22, Arbutnot Road, New Cross, next Tuesday, the 22nd, when the speaker will be Miss Joan Dugdale. Helpers are invited to communicate with Miss Garnett at the above address. There is much to be done in chalking notices of meetings, canvassing, bill distributing, selling VOTES FOR WOMEN, and in other ways. A campaign fund has been opened to meet the expenses of the campaign, and donations will be gratefully acknowledged.

CHELSEA.

Shop and Office: 275, King's Road, Chelsea. Hon. Sec., Miss Haig.

With very great regret it has been decided that, owing to the illness of Lady Constance Lytton, the Court Theatre meeting, announced for next Tuesday must be postponed (see Announcements, p. 320). The next important event is the jumble sale on March 12 at the small St. John's Mission Hall, World's End. All parcels (prepaid) should be addressed to the Chelsea W.S.P.U., 275, King's Road. Contributions of clothing, etc., for the sale will be very gratefully received. The funds are for the expenses of the Mission week in Chelsea and Kensal Town. At the latter the mission will take place at a later date. Miss Canning delighted her audience at the very successful At Home held last Wednesday. Volunteers are wanted for selling VOTES FOR WOMEN at the Knightsbridge and South Kensington Station pitches. Will they communicate with the Hon. Sec.

CHISWICK.

Shop: 475, High Road. Hon. Sec., Miss Coombes.

Details of the work here are held over until next week. For meetings, see Programme, page 328.

CLAPHAM.

Organiser: Miss Elsie MacKenzie, 22, Kyrle Road, Clapham Common.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting at the Assembly Rooms, Balham, on March 11, is being eagerly looked forward to, and tickets are ready. Volunteers for canvassing, selling tickets, and making this meeting known in every way are invited to communicate without delay with the organiser (as above). Mrs. Polkinghorne and Mrs. Roberts have kindly placed their drawing-rooms at the disposal of the W.S.P.U., and a meeting will be held at Langdale, King's Avenue, on Thursday (24th), by the kindness of Miss Richardson. A woman's meeting is being arranged for March 2, St. Anne's Hall, Venn Street, 3 p.m., and open-air meetings will be held every evening in Clapham and the district. Volunteers are invited for chalking notices of these meetings, selling VOTES FOR WOMEN, etc. Hearty thanks are due to the following for their contributions towards defraying the cost of the campaign; further donations will be gratefully acknowledged: Miss Richardson, 10s.; Miss Martineau, 2s. 6d.; Miss Powell, 2s. 6d.

CROYDON.

Office: 2, Station Road, West Croydon. Tel.: 909 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Sec., Mrs. Cameron Swan.

Attention is drawn to the meetings announced in the Programme, p. 328. Members and friends are invited to give Mrs. Leigh a very hearty welcome next Tuesday (22nd) at 8 p.m. They are reminded that help in canvassing women municipal voters is urgently needed. The purpose of the canvass is to invite women to attend the series of lectures at the Church Institute during March. Members are also reminded of the coming jumble sale, articles for which are now being collected.

FOREST GATE.

Hon. Sec., Miss Y. M. Friedlander, 129, Earlham Grove.

Particulars of the work are held over till next week. For meetings, see Programme, p. 328.

HAMMERSMITH.

Shop and Office: 100, Hammersmith Road. Organiser: Miss Kathleen Brown.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Rowe, 18, Hammersmith Terrace.

Miss Kathleen Brown, with the assistance of the local W.S.P.U., is arranging a series of drawing-room meetings for next week. These are kindly given by Miss Learmouth (February 22), by Mrs. Ralph (23rd), by Mrs. Lester (24th), and by Miss Tildman on the 25th. Preparations are being made for Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting to be held on March 9 (see Programme, p. 328), and as there is much work to be done in order to make it a success, members are earnestly requested to offer their services for canvassing, selling tickets, leaflet distributing, and chalking. The organiser will be pleased to receive names of volunteers for selling VOTES FOR WOMEN at Hammersmith Broadway and West Kensington Stations.

HORNSEY.

Joint Hon. Secs., Miss Bonwick, 24, Weston Park, Crouch End; Miss Clara Browne, 11, Gladsmuir Terrace, Highgate.

Splendid work has been done by twenty-seven members during the past ten days in canvassing the women householders of North Islington and Hornsey, and with almost one voice the women visited declared their intention of coming to the W.S.P.U. meetings this week. About a dozen and a-half large posters advertising the final ticket meeting (Hanley Hall, 25th) have been hand-painted by members, and one, Miss Stuart, who is an invalid, has offered to perambulate the streets in her bath-chair decorated with posters, etc. Members are urged to bring as many friends and non-sympathisers as possible to the meetings on Friday and Saturday, so that they may be more ready to join the Union at the final meeting, handbills and tickets for which may at any time be obtained from the Hon. Secs. as above. See Programme, p. 328.

LIFORD.

Hon. Sec., Miss Ethel Haslam, 68, Cranbrook Road.

Some interesting meetings will be found in the Programme, p. 328. Outdoor meetings are being recommenced, and it is hoped to begin work in Manor Park this week. There is much to be done, and volunteers are invited to come forward in order that, with their help, the VOTES Corps may be able to extend into fresh districts.

KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office: 143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel. 2115 Western. Joint Hon. Secs., Mrs. Eates and Miss Morrison, B.A.

A wagonette has been engaged for Mission week, and this, decorated in the colours, is a good advertisement, besides taking the workers to and from meetings, etc. An extensive canvass is being made, especially of women on the municipal register, and the daily indoor and outdoor meetings are keeping the district interested and informed. There is a daily poster procession to advertise the meetings. More paper sellers are badly needed for North Kensington, Notting Hill Gate, Westbourne Grove, and High Street Station. Thanks are due to Mrs. Stafford Aston and Miss Postlethwaite for home-made marmalade, now on sale at the shop, 6d. per lb. More of this would be gladly welcomed. At the annual general meeting last Tuesday Miss Morrison was elected Joint Hon. Sec. with Mrs. Eates, and Miss Brackenbury and Miss B. Wylie were elected to serve on the Committee.

LEWISHAM.

Shop and Office: 107, High Street, Lewisham. Hon. Sec., Mrs. Bouvier.

Members and friends are keenly looking forward to Miss Pankhurst's public meeting on Wednesday (23rd). The W.S.P.U. Band will parade on Tuesday, starting at 7.30 p.m., to advertise this. Stewards and literature sellers are invited to volunteer, and those who were not at the At Home are requested to call at the shop for a supply of tickets and handbills. For meetings during the Mission week see Programme, p. 328. In addition to 3s. already acknowledged, the following members and friends are gratefully thanked for sums of money towards the Special Mission Week Fund:—Miss Chittenden, 2s.; Mrs. Knight and Miss T. Spurr, £1; Miss Flower, 5s. and some furniture (to be sold for the good of the cause); Mrs. McKenzie, 10s.; Mrs. Billingham, 5s.; and Mrs. Brown, 7s. 6d.

At the public At Home last Friday Mrs. Brailsford gave a delightful address and answered a number of questions; Miss Graham presided. The collection was 19s., and literature and shop goods were sold to the value of 16s. Members and friends are reminded of the Registry Office and Employment Bureau attached to the shop, and also of the forthcoming jumble sale, for which contributions of clothing, etc., will be most welcome.

MARYLEBONE.

Hon. Sec., Mrs. Housie, 20, Weymouth Street, W.

The Hon. Secretary will be very glad to hear from those able to help in the canvass of women householders in this district. Meetings will be held daily at various pitches during the coming week. At a very good meeting on Saturday night at Nutford Place, when Miss Rowell was in the chair, the entire supply of VOTES FOR WOMEN was sold out. For other meetings see Programme, p. 328.

N.W. LONDON.

Shop and Office: 210, High Road, Kilburn. Hon. Sec., Mrs. Penn Gaskell.

Twenty-two hall meetings have been arranged to take place during the four days of the Woman's Mission, and members have been much occupied in making these known by means of open-air meetings, the distribution of about 15,000 leaflets, and canvassing women on the municipal register. The reports of the canvassers are most encouraging; one, after visiting between 50 and 60 people, stated that in only one case had she been received with any sign of hostility or indifference; the women were most friendly and eager to hear more. For meetings, see Programme, p. 328.

PUTNEY AND FULHAM.

Shops: 908, Fulham Road, and 8, High Street, Putney.

Hon. Secs., Mrs. H. Roberts, Miss Cutten, 28, St. John's Road, Putney.

The "Shop Warming" held last Friday, to inaugurate the opening of the new offices

place of the reception announced last week at the Prince of Wales's Hotel, there will be a reception in the Cambridge Hall on the evening of March 5. This will bring the Mission to a close. For special meetings see below. In the week previous to the Mission preliminary meetings will be held to concentrate the interest aroused recently during the General Election. Workers are coming forward splendidly. With so much work to be done, however, there is room for many more, and anyone with even an hour to spare is asked to call at the shop as above. Members will not pause in their activities when the Mission is over, for they have on hand a great bazaar fixed for the first week in May. Many offers of help have already been promised.

Mrs. Pankhurst will be in Southport on March 3, 4, and 5. Meetings are as follows:—Thursday, March 3rd.—Waterloo, 3.30 p.m.; Almsdale, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 4th.—Great Crosby, 11.30 a.m.; Thornby, 3.30 p.m.; Church Town, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 5th.—Empire (Men and Women), 3.30 p.m.; Cambridge Hall Reception, 8 p.m.

Scotland.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—502, Sauchiehall Street. Organiser—Miss G. Conolan.

A series of meetings are being arranged in the outlying towns during the first week in March. All members and friends who can help in any way or who desire further information are asked to communicate with Miss Conolan or one of the hon. secretaries for the meetings, from whom cards or bills giving full particulars may be obtained.

Members and friends are greatly looking forward to February 23, when Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will speak in the Charing Cross Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets (price 2s. 6d., reserved, 1s., 6d.) and bills are to be obtained at 502, Sauchiehall Street. Members are especially asked to make this meeting known in their own districts. Miss Helen Ogston was the chief speaker at the weekly At Home, when her eloquent speech won several new members for the Union. Dr. Mary Watson, who will speak to-morrow (Saturday), will deal specially with the courageous stand made by professional women to secure reasonable conditions for their fellow-workers.

Saturday, 19th.—At Home, Charing Cross Hall, Dr. Mary Watson, Mrs. Drummond, Miss Conolan, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 23rd.—Large Charing Cross Hall, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Conolan, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1st.—Paisley, Clark Town Hall, Mrs. Brailsford, Miss Conolan, 3.15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2nd.—Stirling, Mrs. Brailsford, 3 p.m.

Monday, March 7th.—Helensburgh, Victoria Hall, Mrs. Brailsford, Miss Conolan, 3.30 p.m.

April 28th to 30th.—Exhibition and Sale of Work, Charing Cross Hall.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—8, Melville Place, Queensferry Street. Organiser—Miss Burns.

The visit of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mr. Henry W. Nevinson next week is being eagerly looked forward to. Will everyone help to make this meeting known by distributing bills, etc.? For details see programme below. Many new members have been won by Miss Helen Ogston at Portobello, Edinburgh, Leith, and Currie. Will volunteers come forward to join the work parties for the Scottish Exhibition, some particulars of which will be found on page 320. Material is cut ready for working, and needlewomen are invited to take their share in helping on the cause.

Friday, 18th.—Drawing Room Meeting, Mrs. Ord, Miss Burns, Miss Hudson.

Saturday, 19th.—Penicuik, West Street Hall, Mrs. Drummond.

Monday, 21st.—Drawing Room Meeting, Miss Thomson, Miss McFarlane, Miss Burns.

Tuesday, 22nd.—Drawing Room Meeting, Mrs. Bainie, Miss Burns, Miss McFarlane.

Thursday, 24th.—Synod Hall, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mr. Henry W. Nevinson, 8 p.m.

DUNDEE.

Some interesting meetings are being arranged, including a social meeting for Saturday evening, March 5, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, when there will be tea, music, and speeches, and it is hoped Mrs. Brailsford will be present. Tickets are one shilling each. On Wednesday, March 16, a visit is expected from Miss Mary Gawthorpe, who is a great favourite in Dundee. Sellers of VOTES FOR WOMEN are urgently asked to volunteer for street sales and a house-to-house canvass. The At Homes continue to be very successful; addresses have been delivered by Miss Clunas, Miss Ogston, Miss Hudson, and Mr. McDougall, and next Wednesday it is hoped Miss McPhun will be present. It is proposed to hold a jumble sale early in April, and members and friends are asked to secure promises of help. Mrs. Rollo is in charge. Work parties for the Exhibition are held at the shop from 2 to 10 p.m. to-day, Saturday, and Tuesday, and next Friday and Saturday.

Wednesday, 23rd.—Y.M.C.A. Hall (Ladies), Miss McPhun, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 5th.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, Social Meeting.

Wednesday, March 16th.—Miss Gawthorpe.

Ireland.

For interesting announcements of meetings in Dublin and Belfast, see pp. 320 and 330.

attracted a very large amount of interest. Between 60 and 70 people were present, and the addresses by Mrs. Bates and Mr. Brailsford were greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Furley Smith was in the chair. Three additions were promised to the weekly guarantee fund, and \$5 13s. (5s. sent by a male sympathiser) was collected. The local interest was very great, and a policeman was on duty all day, keeping watch on the very friendly crowd gathered round the window. The banner, "Taxation without Representation is Tyranny," in startling black letters on white ground, across the shop, was a centre of great interest. A side window is being retained in the former shop at 9, High Street, Putney, so that the Union is represented in both districts. To meet the heavy expenses, the Organiser will be glad to receive home-made articles for sale in the new shop, as well as contributions towards the jumble sale. These should now be sent to 905, Fulham Road—not to Kelvedon Hall. Between £7 and £8 has already been raised by this means. The Woman's Mission is being vigorously carried out, and afternoon and evening indoor meetings are held at the shop each day this week, as well as several outdoor meetings (see Programme below). In addition to canvassing, VOTES FOR WOMEN is being sent to each woman on the municipal register. Further details will be given next week. Miss C. Sidney Woolf has kindly placed her services

entirely at the disposal of the Organiser as co-Organiser throughout the Mission. To-night (Friday) the W.S.P.U. Band visits Putney and Fulham to advertise Miss Pankhurst's Town Hall meeting on Tuesday. Tickets, 1s., 6d., and 3d., can be had at 905, Fulham Road (near Fulham Palace Road); 508, Fulham Road (opposite Walham Green Post Office); and 9, High Street, Putney.

RICHMOND AND Kew.

Hon. Sec., Mrs. Clayton, Giesgariff, Kew Road, Richmond.

Attention is drawn to the meetings announced in the Programme below, and members and friends are asked to attend and to interest others in the cause. It is hoped to take a shop as a centre of propaganda, and an urgent appeal is made for contributions. Tickets for the Albert Hall meeting on March 18 may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

WIMBLEDON.

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Interest in the Woman's Movement may be judged by the willingness of large crowds to stand, Sunday after Sunday, on cold, wet grass to hear and question the W.S.P.U. speakers, and by the growing demand for VOTES FOR WOMEN.

"Where shall we go?" "Well, there's always a Suffragette's meeting on the Com-

London Meetings during the Forthcoming Week.

Feb. Friday, 18	Brixton, Raleigh Hall	Miss Brackenbury, Chair: Miss Fergus	3.30 p.m.
	Raleigh Hall (Women only).....	Mrs. Marshall, Miss Tyson	8 p.m.
	80, Brixton Road	Miss Anson	8 p.m.
	Chelsea, 30, Tite Street	Miss Sheppard, Hostess: Miss Downing	8.30 p.m.
	273, King's Road	Miss Gordon Liddle	8.30 p.m.
	Chiswick, The Shop, 476, High Road, Evening Mtg. for Shop Assistants	Miss East & Miss E. M. Coombs, M.A.	8.30 p.m.
	383, High Road, Drawing-room Meeting	Mrs. Gordon and others	3.30 p.m.
	Clementia Inn	Poster Parade	11 a.m.
	Denmark Hill, On side Metropole	Miss Fagg	7.30 p.m.
	Forest Gate, Leytonstone (G.S.R. Station)	Mrs. Sleight	8 p.m.
	Harrow, N.W. London W.S.P.U.	Miss Fagg, Mrs. Huestman, Miss Rodgers	3 p.m.
	Gayton House, Station Road	Mrs. Bates, Miss Wyatt, Chair: Mrs. Lenthall	3 p.m.
	Hendon, King's Hall	Miss Darton	7.30 p.m.
	Holloway Road, Giesbach Road	Hostess: Mrs. Whitten, Miss Marie Brackenbury	3.30 p.m.
	Ilford, Drawing-room Meeting, 21, Coventry Road	Dr. Flora Murray, Miss Phillips, Miss E. Wylie	7.30 p.m.
	Kensington, Lancaster Road Baths (open-air)	Miss Boyd, Dr. Helen Fraser, Dr. Flora Murray	3 p.m.
	Small Lambrook Hall, North Kensington	Miss Naylor	6.30 p.m.
	South Kensington Station	Miss Canning, Miss Miss Myers, Miss Wright	8 p.m.
	Kilburn, N.W. London W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms, 215, High Road	Mrs. Nourse	3.15 p.m.
	Marylebone W.S.P.U., Broadway Terrace, Lisson Grove		8.15 p.m.
	147, Harley Street, Speakers' Glass	Miss H. O'Connell	8 p.m.
	Upper Holloway, Duncombe Road	Mrs. Brailsford, Mrs. Penn Gaskell, Miss Ankerbach, Recitation	4 p.m.
	Willesden, N.W. London W.S.P.U., The People's Hall, Goodson Road	Mrs. Cecil Chapman, Mrs. Webb, Chair: Rev. E. Morgan, Mrs. Aubrey, Song	3 p.m.
	Willesden Green, N.W. London W.S.P.U., St. Andrew's Parish Room, High Road	The Misses Coombs	7.30 p.m.
	Acton, High Road, Open Air Meeting	Miss M. Brackenbury	3.30 p.m.
	Brixton, Raleigh Hall (Women Only)	Miss Canning	3 p.m.
	Chelsea, 273, King's Road		
	Chiswick, Town Hall	Miss Maguire	3.15 p.m.
	Hornsey W.S.P.U., Hornsey Road, Grove Road Corner	Miss P. Ayrton	3.15 p.m.
	Crouch Hill and Hanley Road Corner	Miss Maguire	7 p.m.
	Crouch End, Clock Tower	Miss Christabel Pankhurst	
	Hotel Cecil, New Vagabonds' Club, Kensington, Cambridge Gardens and Lambrook Grove	Miss Brackenbury, Miss Crickmay	7.30 p.m.
	Lewisham, 38, Brownhill Road, Drawing-room Meeting	Mrs. Bates	3.30 p.m.
	Marylebone W.S.P.U., St. John's Wood, Circus Road and High St.	Miss Kelly	8.15 p.m.
	Nutfield Place	Miss Blundell	8.15 p.m.
	Peckham Rye, Outside Tabernacle	Miss Vera Wentworth	7.30 p.m.
	Richmond, Heron Court	Miss Naylor	12 noon
	Clapham Common	Mrs. Tanner, Chair: Mrs. Lamartine Yates	3 p.m.
	Wimbledon Common	Miss Fagg	7.30 p.m.
Monday, 21	Camberwell, Opposite Town Hall	Miss Naylor	3 p.m.
	Lewisham, Clocktower Rooms, Meeting for Women Only	Mrs. Cammace-Swan	8 p.m.
	Norwood, Progressive League	H. N. Brailsford, Esq., Mrs. Petrick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss Brackenbury	2-5 p.m.
	Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W.		
Tuesday, 22	Bydenham, All Saints' Parish Hall, Mothers' Meeting	Mrs. Brailsford	3.30 p.m.
	Acton, Central Hall, Ticket Meeting	Chair: Mr. Schofield	7.30 p.m.
	Clapham, Triangle	Miss McKennie and others	
	Oxendon, At Home, 2, Station Buildings, West Oxendon	Mrs. Leigh	8 p.m.
	Denmark Hill, Canal Head	Miss Garnett	7.30 p.m.
	Fulham Town Hall	Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Chair: Miss Naylor	8 p.m.
	Hammermith, 21, Edith Road	Mrs. Learmonth	3 p.m.
	100, Hammermith Road, W.	Miss Ada Wright	3 p.m.
	Kensington, 2, Campden Hill Square	Mrs. Bates and others	8 p.m.
	Lewisham, Congregational Hall, Foridon Road (for Women Only)	Dr. Rose	2.30 p.m.
	Marylebone, Nutford Place	Mr. and Mrs. Marshall	8.15 p.m.
Wednesday, 23	Balham, Lochinvar Street	Miss Wright	7.30 p.m.
	Chelsea, 273, King's Road, Chelsea W.S.P.U. At Home	Mrs. Ralph, Miss Kathleen Brown	8.30 p.m.
	Hammermith, 45, Penywern Road	Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Mary Neal	3 p.m.
	Lewisham, Ladbroke Grove, Public Meeting	Miss Garnett	7.30 p.m.
	New Cross, Faggs Road	Mrs. Tanner	8 p.m.
Thursday, 24	Battersea, Brown's Dancing Academy, 43, High Street	Miss Hedford and Miss Dawson	7.30 p.m.
	Camberwell, Station Road		
	Clapham, "Langdale," King's Ave., Drawing Room Meeting	Mrs. Lester, Miss Naylor	3 p.m.
	Hammermith, 48, Edith Road		3 p.m.
	Hornsey, Crouch Hill and Hanley Road corner		9.30 p.m.
	Richmond, St. John's Club Room		8.30 p.m.
	St. James's Hall, Great Portland Street, W.	Chair: Rev. C. Hinsdell	8 p.m.
Friday, 25	Brixton, Aوندale Hall, Lander Road, Stockwell	Mrs. Petrick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and others	
	Clapham, Venn Street	Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Chair: Miss McKennie	8 p.m.
	Clementia Inn	Poster Parade	11 a.m.
	Hammermith, 12, Ladbroke Gardens, Brook Green	Miss Tildham and Miss Mackenzie	3 p.m.
	Hornsey, Hanley Hall	H. N. Brailsford, Esq., Miss Douglas Smith	8 p.m.
Saturday, 26	Clapham, Crescent Road	Miss McKennie	7.30 p.m.

Important Future Events.

March, Friday, 4	Kensington Town Hall	Miss Christabel Pankhurst	3 p.m.
Wednesday, 9	Dulwich, Imperial Hall, Grove Vale	Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss G. Brackenbury	8 p.m.
Friday, 11	Hammermith, Town Hall	Mrs. Petrick Lawrence, Miss Mordan	8 p.m.
Friday, 18	Balham, Assembly Rooms	Mrs. Petrick Lawrence, Miss Mordan	8 p.m.
Friday, 18	Albert Hall	Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Petrick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, and others	8 p.m.
Every Friday	Poster Parade, Clementia Inn		11 a.m.

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mon at 3; let's go there," was overheard by a member quite half a mile away from the pitch, and the wanderers, out for an aimless walk, were soon later in the crowd listening attentively. The fact that the local papers report and announce these meetings considerably enhances their value as propaganda. It is with confidence therefore that a series of eight addresses to be given at the offices (6, Victoria Crescent) by Mrs. Lamartine Yates on Fridays, at 3.30 p.m., is embarked upon. To-day (February 18) the opening subject will be "Woman"; Mrs. Lonsigol will be in the chair. The W.S.P.U. wish it to be understood that although invitations are specially sent out to women qualified for the vote, anyone interested in the movement or the individual subjects will be welcomed. Will friends volunteer to act as special stewards at these At Homes for the sale of literature and the supply of refreshments? The Wimbledon Local Union is prepared to perform "How the Vote was Won" for other Local Unions. Terms on application.



[Photo by Annie Bell, 92, Victoria Street, S.W.]

Miss Bertha Brewster,

upon whom the monstrous sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed on January 21 for damage to prison property, valued at 2s. 9d., last August, for which she had already been punished. She was released on bail on January 31 in order to enable her to appeal at Quarter Sessions, but rather than allow the discreditable facts to come up again in a court of law, the Home Secretary remitted the sentence. Miss Brewster therefore withdrew her appeal.

A SPLENDID WORKER.

Members and friends will hear with great regret of the illness of Mrs. Masey, one of the most strenuous workers in the movement. Mrs. Masey has probably had more experience of by-election work for the W.S.P.U. than any other member of the Union, and her stirring appeals to electors have been responsible for the turning of many Liberal votes.

MEETING AT HORSHAM.

Two Chelsea members, Miss Sheppard and Miss Canning, addressed a meeting in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, Horsham, last week. Miss Beck, of Duncan's Farm, Billingham, was in the chair. Many questions were asked and answered at the close of the meeting.

SUFFRAGE PLAYS AT HAMPSTEAD.

The Actresses' Franchise League and the Hampstead W.S.P.U. gave a very interesting entertainment in the Hampstead Conservatoire on Feb. 8. After two short plays ("Deeds, Not Words," by Leslie Morton, and "How the Vote Was Won," by Cicely Hamilton and Christopher St. John), a recitation and two songs, Miss Dulcie Pearce (hon. sec. of the Hampstead W.S.P.U., and daughter of "A Patriot") introduced Mrs. Brailsford, who, in a stirring speech, explained the "truce" and the present political situation.

A PROTEST FROM AMERICAN DOCTORS.

The following memorial has been sent to us by twenty-nine famous Boston women physicians:—

We, the undersigned, women physicians of Boston, Mass., U.S.A., wish to express our horror at the shamefully brutal treatment accorded to the women political prisoners in English jails, which is not only out of proportion to the gravity of the offences for which they are arrested (and is not the punishment given to men for like or even worse offences), but is also of a character not employed by any other civilised nation.

We appeal to British physicians to refuse to carry out such inhuman treatment, even upon orders from the Government.

Ella L. Dexter, M.D., Anna G. Richardson, M.D., Evangeline W. Young, M.D., Emily P. Howard, M.D., Emily F. Pope, M.D., Blanche A. Deing, M.D., C. Augusta Pope, M.D., Margaret L. Noyes, M.D., Agnes U. Victor, M.D., Mary Almira Smith, A.M., M.D., Carrie Innes Felch, M.D., Emma B. Culbertson, A.M., M.D., Augustine C. Haub, M.D., Sarah E. Swezey, M.D., Florence H. Rice, M.D., Helen W. Woodworth, M.D., Emma L. Call, M.D., Florence W. Duckering, M.D., Clara E. Gary, M.D., N. Louise Lawrence, M.D., Louise Paine Tingley, M.D., Elizabeth T. Gray, M.D., Margaret E. Carley, M.D., Jane K. Sabine, M.D., Abbie Mabel C. Keefe, M.D., Sarah E. Palmer, M.D., Alice W. Gray, M.D., Stella M. Taylor, M.D.

SWANSEA BY-ELECTION.

Sir David Brynmor Jones, K.C., M.P. for Swansea, has been appointed Recorder of Merthyr Tydfil, and will consequently be obliged to seek re-election. Should a contest take place, the W.S.P.U. will at once oppose the return of the Liberal nominee.

AN IRISHWOMAN'S VIEW.

Forgetfulness is a Crime.

What is the matter with the Irish members of Parliament? They seem absolutely to forget the history of their own country and what their women have done for them. It was due to the efforts of the Irish women of Ireland that the boycott against the landlordism and the rack renting was effected.

It was due to the efforts of Miss Anna Parnell and the women Land Leaguers that the labourers in Ireland now have comfortable cottages and one-half acre of land to each. Do they forget, also, that when all the labour leaders were hung in gaol Anna Parnell and her brave women went forth and took their places?

It is time that the Irish members of Parliament woke up and recognised the importance of giving the women their franchise. Unless the Liberal party in England grants the women their suffrage, the Irish members of Parliament are duty-bound to refuse to support that party.

—MARY A. DONNELLY,
in the American Suffragette.

LETTERS FROM ELECTORS.

A Letter to Mr. Asquith.

I wish to inform you that, though a life-long Liberal, I registered my vote at the past election in the Radcliffe-cum-Farnworth Division in favour of the Conservative candidate because in denying the franchise to women the so-called Liberal Government is false to its own principles—viz., that the will of the people must prevail and that there shall be no taxation without representation. And the injustice is cruelly intensified by the brutal treatment of the women who have made their protest against this falsity in the only way the Government has left to them.

JOHN ALMOND.

Park View, Farnworth.

To a Liberal Candidate.

Although I am not a partisan in politics, I have always voted Liberal. This time I vote against the "Liberal" Government, which I can only do by voting against you. The Budget, the reform of the House of Lords, and Free Trade I support and advocate, but as a majority of the electorate, as also the Labour party and most of the Nationalists in Parliament, are in favour of these measures, I am able to see that it is not necessarily a Liberal Government only that can secure them. I vote against the Liberal Government now because of the crass stupidity, the gross dishonesty, the vindictive illegality, and the brutal tyranny they have exhibited in their dealings with those excellent women who are claiming, in the only effective way left open to them, the restoration of the unquestionable political rights of their sex. By that policy of sheer unreasoning obstinacy the Government have not only caused and continue to foment public disorder, but in restricting the franchise to men only they positively hinder the progress and welfare of the nation.

If the Liberal Government will not right this wrong the Conservatives will, and as one who, after mature experience, believes in righteousness as a national policy, I must protest by means of my votes as well as in other ways.

W. FLEMING PHILLIPS, M.B.

To a Liberal Candidate.

To Wm. Young, Esq.,

Candidate for East Perthshire.

I am a Liberal, and supported Mr. T. R. Buchanan at last election, and am heartily in

favour of the Budget; but as a protest against the Government's treatment of women Suffragists, which I consider most injudicious as well as thoroughly contrary to the spirit of Liberalism, I intend to abstain from voting on this occasion, and I thought it might prevent misapprehension if I informed you of the sole reason that leads me most reluctantly to take this attitude.

N. K. MacKENZIE.

Other Protests.

Mr. Edwin Richmond, of Fensgate House, Redhill, in resigning his position as treasurer of the local Liberal Association, explained that it was due to the Government's treatment of women. Mr. James A. Aldis, M.A., also wrote to the *Liverpool Courier* to explain that, although a life-long Liberal, he could not vote for the present Government at the last election. Mr. Arthur O. Impey, of Hitchin, sent an earnest appeal to fellow-Liberals, pointing out that the question of woman Suffrage would never be in the forefront of the Liberal programme so long as the rank and file of Liberal voters answered to the crack of the official whip. Another voter wrote to the Liberal candidate of his district explaining that he withheld his vote because the greater injustice to women ought to come before the smaller injustice of the House of Lords veto. The Rev. J. Webster, of Aberdeen, writes that he voted Conservative on account of the Liberals' "haughty and cruel tyranny." Mr. T. L. Cooper, of Ashton-on-Mersey, wrote to the papers that he had refrained from voting on account of the forcible feeding of women political prisoners. Mr. W. Penn Stringer, of Buckhurst Hill; Mr. Pring, of Dulwich; Mr. Noble, of Hendon; Mr. John Casey, 92, Judd Street, W.C., and others wrote to the same effect.

A FUTURE VOTER.

A little girl, the daughter of a coastguard, when saying good-bye to her father, who was taken to the poll in a motor-car, called out: "Good-bye, dad. One day I'll be with you." This child attended a school where the mistress is a Suffragette, and she had learnt the value of the Parliamentary vote to women.

VOTES FOR JUNIORS.

An amusing custom exists at a well-known public school of holding a mock election among the boys during the General Election. This year a large W.S.P.U. poster occupied a prominent position in the great hall; W.S.P.U. leaflets were also posted, and at an excellent meeting the reason for keeping the Liberal out and the rationale of militant methods were convincingly explained. The junior school, who are not allowed to vote, took up the cry and agitated vigorously for votes. They hung an enormous placard with "Votes for Juniors" in the great hall, wore buttons and colours, and printed and distributed an election leaflet: "Protest by the juniors against those in authority depriving them of the right to vote and to take part in the political discussions of the day."

POINTS FROM LETTERS.

One lady sends 22s., which she has been collecting in threepenny-bits. She is going out to British Columbia, but says:—"If I were to be in England any longer I should have to be militant for shame of holding back." Another friend sends 5s., which is the balance to the good in her accounts after a very expensive year.

An excellent suggestion comes from a correspondent that whenever women pay a bill by letter they should enclose one or two leaflets. This correspondent has found the plan very effectual, as it leads to conversations on the subject which would not otherwise have been introduced. One friend, new to the movement, recently sent a subscription of 13s. in consequence of receiving one of the leaflets in a letter. Another friend puts the double-face Asquith poster in each account paid, and writes on it: "To account rendered and much overdue. Your prompt attention will oblige."

A correspondent writes that a friend of hers recently applying for a post of sanitary inspector was asked if she belonged to any political society for obtaining the vote, and her

application was not further considered when she refused to give up working for the suffrage in her spare time.

Miss Millicent Seaman sends 30s. from Berlin, the proceeds of a weekly lesson for three months. This she wishes to be put to the use of the W.S.P.U. as the leaders may think best.

A correspondent in Galicia writes that after reading the recent experiences of Suffragettes in prison and their heroic action, she feels "thoroughly ashamed of her cowardice, and longs to be home to do something, however small, for the cause." She urges Englishwomen to read *VOTES FOR WOMEN*, and to make up their minds to understand thoroughly what the meaning of the women's demand is. "Get to the truth before daring to speak contemptuously of the brave women who are an honour to their country, and who in time will be loved and revered by all," she writes.

In the December *Pall Mall Illustration*, published at Cannes, there is an interesting article, entitled "Suffragettes," with excellent portraits of Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and Miss Christabel Pankhurst. The article is headed "Qui sont-elles? Que font-elles? Que veulent-elles?" and is written by Mlle. Cimino-Foliero, who avows herself a "suffragette militante." The author traces the rise of the militant tactics from the now famous scene at Sir Edward Grey's Manchester meeting. She describes Mrs. Pankhurst as "cette petite dame si fine, si délicate," and pays a high tribute to all the leaders and workers in the militant movement.

THE SUFFRAGE ATELIER.

The Suffrage Atelier has resumed its usual meetings and demonstrations, and has made arrangements for the following weekly scheme of work:—Tuesdays.—Decorative painting and stencilling. Wednesdays.—Designers' day, 10 a.m., model posed; 1.30, Criticism of designs; 2.45, Address; 4.30, Committee meeting. Thursdays.—Demonstration of printing processes. Fridays.—Banner-making and embroidery. Any alterations in this plan will be notified. The office and workshop (at which the above meetings are held) is open every week-day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Address.—Suffrage Atelier Studio, 1, Pembroke Cottages, Edwards Square, Kensington.

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A most successful and crowded meeting was held on 11th inst. at 12, Ladbroke Gardens, W. (by kind permission of Mrs. Edgar Graham). Lady Craggs was in the chair and the speakers were Mr. Cameron Grant and Miss Edith Paliser, who dealt most ably with the subject. A good collection was taken and much literature sold.

A very interesting meeting was held at Bath under the auspices of the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association. Lady Betty Balfour made a splendid speech, and pointed out how in the election militant men were let off, whereas militant women had been heavily punished. A resolution was passed unanimously that "the members for Bath be requested to ballot for a place for a Women's Franchise Bill on the first day of the coming Session."

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON.

For the first time, the Governors of all the different States assembled at Washington last month to discuss uniform State legislation, and three women Suffragists, of whom Mrs. Stanton Blotch was one, without difficulty obtained an interview with the Governors. Mrs. Blotch read a paper drawing attention to the great diversity in the laws concerning the enfranchisement of women in the different States. In four States women have the electoral vote, in others no vote at all, and between these extremes is Kansas, where women have the municipal vote, and other States where they have a school vote or a tax vote. The deputation asked for the appointment of a Committee to go into the question, and to present a full report to the Governors at the next meeting, December, 1910. The Governors listened with great interest, and there seems every prospect that the Committee will be appointed.

GOOD WISHES FROM RUSSIA.

A correspondent in St. Petersburg sends her hearty greetings to the militant women of England, whom she wishes great success in their grand fight. "You are fighting," she says, "not only for yourselves; you are fighting for the women of the whole world. . . . With all my heart I am with your movement. Your Liberals are treating the women as our Government treat the whole Russian nation. It is astonishing how all oppressors are alike! Our Government says to the country,

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As a result of the successful men's meeting held at the Eustace Miles Restaurant on January 13 a Union has now been formed on lines similar to those of the W.S.P.U., under the title of the Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement. Offices have been taken at 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C., and a "house warming" will be given to-day (Friday) from 3 to 8 p.m., when all friends of the cause, men or women, will be heartily welcome. Membership cards can be had on applying to Victor D. Duval, Hon. Organising Secretary, 13, Buckingham Street, Strand.

WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

The sequel to the case of Mrs. Deepard and seven other members of the Women's Freedom League who appealed unsuccessfully against a fine for obstructing the police in Downing Street last August, was that these fines were paid in the case of six of the women without their knowledge or permission. The two remaining women were arrested on Thursday, February 10, and taken to Holloway, where, after being detained one hour, they were dismissed. Miss Alison Neilans was recently released after serving her sentence; she had carried out the hunger strike and been forcibly fed. Mrs. Chapin was granted the "King's Pardon" and released two days later.

"BECAUSE."

As already reported in VOTES FOR WOMEN, Mr. Asquith was questioned by electors at Larward on January 19 on his attitude to Woman Suffrage, and declared that in his opinion suffrage was not good either for women or for the State. We are indebted to Miss Chrystal Macmillan for the news that at a meeting at Auchtermuchty on the following day an elector asked Mr. Asquith if, in the event of the majority of the electors in East Fife petitioning him to reconsider the question, he would take that as the voice of the people? Mr. Asquith replied: "No. The only expression of the voice of the people I recognise is their votes at the poll." "Do you still take up that position?" Mr. McGillivray pursued, "although at least half of the adult population are to have no voice in telling what their will is?"

Mr. Asquith: "I am opposed to Woman Suffrage."

Questioned further whether he could instance a country which had deteriorated through having Woman Suffrage, Mr. Asquith replied that he could talk for an hour on the subject and get no further. Asked for a few facts to support his opinion, he replied that "his opinion was just his opinion."

A SUFFRAGETTE IN AUSTRIA.

In response to an invitation from the Austrian Suffrage Society, Miss Isabel Seymour is visiting Austria and Hungary. Among her engagements are a meeting at Troppau on the 18th, Vienna on the 20th and 21st (drawing-room and open meetings), and Prague on the 22nd and 23rd. This is the first time that the militant methods have been explained in either Austria or Hungary.

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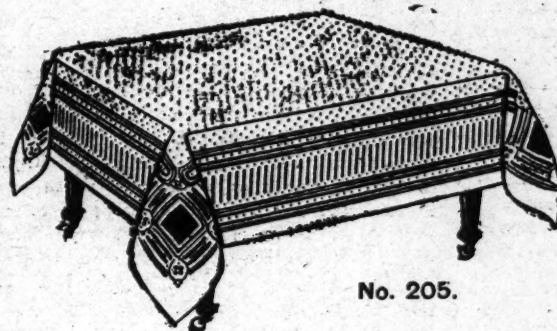
We are asked to announce that under the auspices of the Irish Women's Suffrage Society a meeting will be held at Ulster Hall, Belfast, on Wednesday, March 9, at 8 p.m., when Miss Mary Gawthorpe and others will speak. Tickets, price 1s. reserved, 6d. unreserved, may be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Miss B. Bennett, 61, Scottish Temperance Buildings, Belfast.

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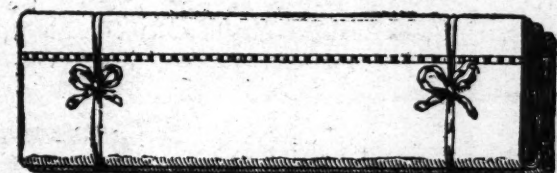
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We are glad to see that six women are candidates for the L.C.C. elections next month (the first L.C.C. election at which women have been qualified to stand).

The Reading women householders were canvassed last year on the question of the suffrage. Of 1,575 who were visited, 1,107 replied, and of these the proportion of Suffragists to anti-Suffragists were 1,047 to 60.

In a school at Harrow, in the "General Intelligence" lesson, the children were allowed to choose their own subject and to send up questions. They chose the General Election, and one child of eleven wrote, "I Mr. Asquith is a Liberal why is he not liberal to the Suffragettes?"

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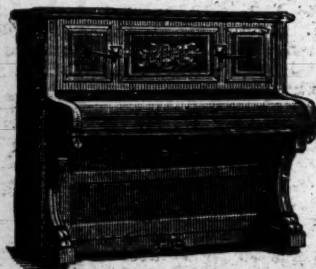
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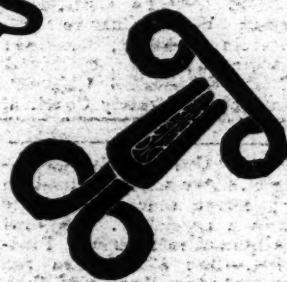
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